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Convention of Delegates of Baptist Churches

IN

ASHE AND ALLEGHANY COUNTIES, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

BUFFALO, ASHE CO., N. C., FRIDAY, Sept. 24, 1886.

Delegates from Baptist Churches in Ashe and Alleghany counties, N. C., convened with Buffalo Baptist Church, Ashe county, N. C., Sept. the 24th, A. D., 1886.

Elder G. W. Greene read the xxiii Psalm, and the Convention united in prayer. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Greene. Subject, Proverbs iii chapter and 6th verse, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prayer by Elder I. W. Thomas. The convention took a recess for twenty minutes.

After the time expired the Convention re-assembled, and on motion Elder T. M. Honeycutt was called to the Chair, *pro tem*, and on motion H. A. Eller was requested to act as Secretary, *pro tem*. By request Bro. James Eller, in a few words, explained the object of this meeting.

Letters from the different Churches were presented and read.

The Convention proceeded to elect permanent officers by private ballot, Brethren Thomas and Greene being Tellers, who after receiving the vote announced as the result, Elder T. M. Honeycutt, President, and H. A. Eller, Secretary.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, and Elders I. W. Thomas from the Threeforks Association, G. W. Greene from the Brushy Mountain Association and C. J. Woodson from the New River Association reported themselves as visitors and received the hand of fellowship from the President and took seats with the body, and Bro. R. Harrison from the Beula Association reported himself a visitor and took a seat. Elder G. W. Greene, by request, submitted some suggestions as to the proper way to proceed. Brethren James Garvey and David Tucker were recognized as visitors, and Elder T.

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M. Duncan was recognized and granted the privilege of a delegate.

On motion the following Committees were appointed by the President:

I. On Constitution and Rules of Decorum: James Eller, W. M. Hall and G. W. Greene, with President and Secretary.

II. On Articles of Faith: T. M. Duncan, I. W. Thomas, C. J. Woodson, J. F. Fletcher and E. L. Tucker.

III. On Finance: William Miller and R. L. Shoaf.

IV. On Time, Place and Preacher for first Association: Dr. Jones, W. N. Luthur and Elihu Tucker.

V. On Religious Exercises: Pastor and Delegates of this Church, with Bro. A. Barker.

VI. On Associational Missions: G. H. Phillips, W. M. Hall and James Eller.

The subject of naming this Association was considered, and after some remarks and propositions it was agreeded that it should be known as "THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION."

The Committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following report:

To-night at this place Elder C. J. Woodson, and Elder W. M. Hall, and to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder T. M. Honeycutt.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow morning at half past eight o'clock, and spend half an hour in devotional exercises, and begin business at 9. Prayer by Elder W. M. Hall. Benediction by Elder G. W. Greene.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1886.

The Convention met at half-past 8 o'clock, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder W. M. Hall. The President then called the Convention to order. The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted. The roll of delegates was called.

On motion, the Committee on Constitution was called on to report, and Elder G. W. Greene read the Constitution prepared by the committee, and after re-reading and commenting, it was amended and adopted.

The Rules of Order were in like manner offered and adopted.

The Committee on Articles of Faith submitted their work, and it was adopted.

Bro. J. B. Hopkins, from the Threeforks Association, was recognized and took a seat in the Convention.

On motion, this Association agreed to ask for correspondence with the four nearest Associations, viz:

Three Forks, with the following Messengers, Elders T. M. Duncan, J. F. Fletchers, T. M. Honeycutt, John Riddle; Brushy Mountain, G. H. Phillips, W. M. Hall, Elihu Phillips, T. M. Honeycutt. Elkin Association, W. M. Hall and T. M. Honeycutt. New River, Wm. Miller, E. L. Tucker, Elihu Tucker, R. L. Shoaf.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for the first Session of this Association submitted the following: Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D., 1887, the time; New Hope Church, Prather's Creek, Alleghany county, N. C., the place; Elder T. M. Honeycutt to preach the introductory Sermon, and Elder W. M. Hall, Alternate.

On motion; the Convention adjourned till 1 o'clock, P. M., to hear a sermon from Elder T. M. Honeycutt, who preached a very interesting sermon from Mark, 16th Chapter and 15th verse.

At near 1 o'clock, the Convention resumed business and the Committee on Associational Missions submitted a report on this subject, and after remarks by Elders T. M. Honeycutt, I. W. Thomas and G. W. Greene, pledges were taken for the Support of Missions in this field, as follows:

Apple Grove Church, $10.00; Bethel, $10.00; Buffalo or W. N. Luther, $5.00; Friendship, $5.00; Forest Home, $10.00; Landmark, $5.00; Liberty, $5.00; New Hope, $10.00; Sparta, $10.00; W. C. Fields, $10.00; Mrs. R. B. Harrison, $1.00; R. B. Harrison, $2.50; G. H. Phillips, $1.00, paid; J. B. Hopkins, 50 cents, paid; Total, $80.00.

An Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of brethren James Eller, G. H. Phillips and W. C. Fields.

The Finance Committee reported $10.46, and this amount was increased to $13.46.

The following resolution was offered by H. A. Eller. and adopted:

WHEREAS, The destitution in the bounds of this Association is very great and we have now one missionary in the field and great need of others, therefore,

Resolved, That we take a collection on to-morrow for Associational Missions.

The following Resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. James Eller, and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and the same are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the way and manner they have entertained this meeting.

The Committee on religious exercises submitted the following programme for to-night and to-morrow:

Elder W. M. Hall, to-night at this place. At half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, a Sunday School mass-meeting, and Elder G. W. Green to preach at eleven o'clock, and Elder J. F. Fletcher in the evening.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet as before named.

The Convention united in singing, "How firm a foundation," and took the parting hand.

Prayer by the President, Benediction by Elder C. J. Woodson.

T. M. HONEYCUTT, *Pres.*

H. A. ELLER, *Sec'y.*

SUNDAY.

At 9½ A. M., a Sunday School Mass Meeting was held, presided over by Bro. James Eller. After prayer by Bro. Hall, speeches were made by brethren Woodson, Fields, Phillips, Jones, Honeycutt, Duncan, Eller and Hall.

At 11 A. M., Sermon by Elder G. W. Greene, text Psalms 25th chapter, 7th verse. The sermon was a very strong one, upon the sins of youth. The congregation was large and very attentive. We hope and believe that the seed sown in this sermon will accomplish much good.

A collection was taken for Associational Missions, amounting to $3.16.

After a short intermission, Elder J. F. Fletcher preached the closing sermon, who was attentively listened to, and we believe appreciated by all. Thus the Convention came and went. May God grant that it shall bring to the Baptist denomination of this country a brighter day. May it bring salvation to many souls, and glory and honor to His name.

SECRETARY.

THE WORK BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION.

This Association is organized for work, and truly the work is great. Our territory covers two whole counties, and nearly all of it is Missionary territory, with a population of about 25,000, the membership of the churches is less than 500; there are large sections of both counties where the Truth, as we hold it, is not preached; and most of the churches are weak, only three or four being self sustaining. There is urgent need of not less than three efficient ministers to labor in our bounds, in addition to the pastors of our few weak churches. We have assurances that Bro. Honeycutt will be retained by the State Mission Board to labor in Sparta and Alleghany county. In addition there is urgent need of some man to preach at Jefferson and in the surrounding country, and at least one other man to preach in other parts of the territory. There are houses of worship begun at Sparta and Jefferson, and yet unfinished. That in Sparta is so it can be used, but there is still some indebtedness, and a considerable amount is needed to finish it. That in Jefferson is not so far advanced, is in part exposed to the weather, and needs immediate attention.

We hope the Executive Committee will give whatever assistance and advice may be needed by the Building Committees, and that the brethren who are interested in the work will make special efforts to raise the means to finish these houses at once.

It is earnestly hoped that the churches will do their utmost in contributions for the support of this work in our own bounds.

We desire hereby to express our heartfelt gratitude to the brethren of the Western Baptist Convention for the efficient aid received from their missionaries in our territory for some years past, and while it seems best for us to co-coperate with the State Convention, we shall ever remember with gratitude the help received from these brethren.

We hope our churches will not fail to make frequent contributions to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Education and Baptist Orphanage, and other objects which claim the contributions of benevolent Baptists.

G. H. PHILLIPS,
W. M. HALL,
JAMES ELLER,
} *Committee.*

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testaments—is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man, and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptised and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine, should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment.

9th. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

T. M. DUNCAN,
I. W. THOMAS,
C. J. WOODSON,
J. F. FLETCHER,
E. L. TUCKER,
} *Committee.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be called "THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION."

II. The object of this Association shall be organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our own bounds and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

III. The members of this body shall be the pastors if he be a member of a church in this Association, and three delegates from each church composing the body, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment, and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

IV. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, in such way as the Association may direct; the last two offices may be held by the same brother.

V. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the Association may direct and make a report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IX. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of three brethren, who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general State of Mission Work.

X. At each Annual Session there shall be appointed committees to make reports during the session on the following subjects; Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals, Temperance, Digest of Church Letters, Finance, and Time, Place and Preachers for next Session.

XI. Each Annual Session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII. The Association will not receive nor retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

XIII. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Session.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, except by permission of the body.
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house, or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.
7. Order of Business.

(1.) Introductory Sermon.
(2.) Enrollment of Delegates.
(3.) Election of Officers.
(4.) Reception of New Churches.
(5.) Reading Constitution, Rules of Order, and Abstract of Principles.
(6.) Appointment of Committees.
(7.) Report of Executive Committee.
(8.) Report of Treasurer,
(9.) Reports of Committees.
(10.) Miscellaneous.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.	Time of Meetings.	Membership.	Minutes.
Apple Grove..	E. L Tucker, Husk, Ashe county.	2nd.	96	$ 1.25
Bethel.....	E. Phillips, Gap Creek, Ashe county	2nd.	116	1.50
Buffalo.....	H. H. Ray, Beaver Creek, Ashe co.	3rd.	93	1.05
Forest Home..	H. A. Eller, Berlin, Ashe county..	2nd.	45	2.31
Friendship....	No letter. Statistics not given....	....		.35
Landmark.....	Alfred Barker, Waulnut Hill, Ashe county.....	3rd.	38	1.00
Liberty.....	Ross McNargue, White Head, Alleghany county.....	2nd.	15	.75
New Hope....	Allen Jones, Prather's Creek, Alleghany county.....	2nd.	59	1.50
Sparta.....	W. C. Fields, Sparta, Alleghany co.	3rd.	16	2.40
				12.11
	Note. Money raised at the convention to supplement.....			1.35
	Totals.....		478	$13.46

NOTE: Collection for Association Missions taken on Sunday, amounted to $3.16, and was paid to Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

T. M. Honeycutt,.....P. O. Sparta, N. C.
J. F. Fletcher,..... " Waulnut Hill Ashe Co., N. C.
T. M. Duncan,..... " Beaver Creek, Ashe, Co., N. C.
W. M. Hall,..... " Sparta,, N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

New Hope Baptist Church, Alleghany County, N. C.,

SEPTEMBER THE 22, 23, AND 24, A. D., 1887.

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ELDER T. M. HONEYCUTT, Moderator, - - *Sparta, N. C.*

H. A. ELLER, Clerk and Teasurer, *Berlin, Ashe County, N. C.*

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☞Next session will meet with Apple Grove church, Ashe County, N. C., on Thursday before the Second Sunday in September, 1888.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

HONEYCUTT, T. M.....Sparta,.....N. C.
HALL, W. M.....Sparta,.....N. C.
DUNCAN, T. M.....Beaver Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
THOMASSON, D. W.....Jefferson, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.
FLETCHER, J. F.....Silas Creek, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.

Executive Committee.

ELLER, JAMES.....Berlin, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.
FIELDS, W. C.....Sparta,.....N. C.
PHILLIPS, GEORGE H.....Jefferson, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

New Hope Church,
Alleghany County, N. C.;
Thursday, Sept. 22, 1887.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The First Annual Session of the Ashe and Alleghany Association of Baptist, convened with New Hope church, Thursday, September the 22nd, A. D., 1887.

The devotional exercises were introduced by Elder S. M. Collis, by reading Scripture, and prayer; who also preached the Annual Sermon, instead of Elder T. M. Honeycutt, the appointee; Text: Matthew XXVIII. Chapter, and 19th and 20th verses, "Go ye therefore and teach all Nations," &c.

Prayer by Elder T. M. Honeycutt.

Benediction by Elder J. W. Thomas.

After an intermission of an hour, the Association met in regular session, and was called to order by the Moderator, Elder T. M. Honeycutt. Prayer by Elder E. F. Jones.

Letters from the different churches were presented, and read by brethren Fields and Woodson, and the names of delegates enrolled by the Secretary, as follows:

Apple Grove—Sidney Tucker, E. L. Tucker and William Miller.
Bethel—E. E. Phillips, Geo. H. Phillips and William Howell.
Buffalo—H. H. Ray, J. McConnel, T. M. Duncan and D. W. Thomasson.
Forest Home—James Eller, A. F. Wilcox and H. A. Eller.
Friendship—J. W. Dillard.
Landmark—Wm. Johnson and S. Denney.
Liberty—David Stamper and Ross. McHargue.
New Hope—D. C. Jones, N. H. Jones and Allan Jones.
Sparta—T. M. Honeycutt and W. C. Fields.

The Association proceeded to organize by electing officers by ballot. Elder I. W. Thomas and E. F. Jones

being tellers, which resulted in the election of Elder T. M. Honeycutt, Moderator, and H. A. Eller, Clerk and Treasurer, who accepted. And the Association declared itself ready for business.

On motion, visiting and corresponding brethren were invited to report themselves: Whereupon, Elder S. M. Collis, from the Mitchell County Association; Elders I. W. Thomas, E. F. Jones and Asa Brown, from the Three Forks Association; Elders D. J. Roberts and W. E. Bird, from the Elkin Association; Elder S. Blackbern, not from any Association, but a minister from Ashe county, N. C.; Elder I. T. Privett, from the Brushy Mountain Association; and Elder C. J. Woodson, from the New River Association, reported themselves and received the hand of fellowship and welcome by the Moderator, and took seats with the body.

The Abstract of Principles, Constitution and Rules of Order of this Association were read.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator, to report on their respective subjects during this session:

Foreign Missions—I. W. Thomas and A. F. Wilcox.
Home Missions—T. M. Duncan and W. F. Bird.
Ministerial and General Education—E. F. Jones and W. C. Fields.
Baptist Orphanage—James Eller and D. J. Robarts.
Periodicals—D. W. Thomasson and C. J. Woodson.
Temperance—S. M. Collis and I. T. Privett.
Digest of Church Letters—G. H. Phillips and E. L. Tucker.
Finance—H. H. Ray and E. E. Phillips.
Time, Place amd Preacher for next Association—Sidney Tucker and Allan Jones.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

Sunday Schools—D. W. Thomasson and Asa Brown.
Religious Exercises—Delegates of New Hope church, with James Eller and David Stamper.

The committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following report:

Preaching to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, by Elder I. W. Thomas.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized and instructed to appoint committees during this session to report on the different subjects at the next Association

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and spend half an hour in devotional exercises, and begin business at half past nine.

Prayer, by Elder I. S. Privett; Benediction, by Elder S. M. Collis.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, September 23, 1887.

The Association met at 9 o'clock and spent half an hour in praise and prayer, conducted by Elder W. C. Parks.

The Moderator called the Association to order at half past 9 o'clock.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. An opportunity was given for other visiting and corresponding brethren to report themselves, and it was embraced by Elders W. C. Parks and G. M. Burcham, from the New River Association, who were welcomed by the Moderator, and seated with the body.

On motion, Elders E. F. Jones and D. W. Thomasson were appointed a Committee to report on State Missions.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed to nominate an Executive Committee, viz:

A. F. Wilcox, Wm. Miller and D. C. Jones.

The report on Foreign Missions was submitted by Elder I. W. Thomas, and its adoption was postponed until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by brother James Eller, and discussed by Elders E. F. Jones, I. W. Thomas, the Moderator, and brother James Eller who gave $1 to Baptist Orphanage of N. C., and asked the brethren to aid in this work, and $5.35 more was raised for this object. The total being $6.35.

The report was adopted as follows:

There is no object that is more worthy of the support and sympathy of us, as Baptist, than the Orphan Asylum, located at Thomasville, N. C., superintended by brother J. H. Mills. Your Committee would urge the necessity of giving of our means to the support and education of the Baptist orphans, both in cash and clothing, when ever we can do so. There is now in attendance about 60 children, and many others wanting to go. The buildings are being completed very rapidly, and soon there will be room for all who will go.

J. ELLER,
D. J. ROBARTS, } Com.

The report on Periodicals was submitted by Elder D. W. Thomasson, and, after remarks by Elders Collis, Parks, Thomas, Jones, Burcham and Thomasson, it was adopted, as follows:

The power of the press, for good or evil, is fully recognized by thinking people. It becomes us, as a religious denomination, to seize this mighty force and utilize it for God. Our people need some medium of general communication. Your committee would recommend the *Biblical Recorder*. It is sound in doctrine, and alive to all the interests of our denomination. Those who read it are informed about our work, its nature, and its needs. We also recommend the *Western North Carolina Baptist* to our people.

D. W. THOMASSON,
C. J. WOODSON, } Com.

Elder D. W. Thomasson submitted a report on Sunday Schools, and addresses were made by Elders Collis and Jones.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the Association took a recess until 1 o'clock to hear a sermon from Elder I. W. Thomas. Text: Ephesians IV.–13. "Till we all come in the unity of the faith."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association resumed business at 1 o'clock.

After prayer, by Elder A. Brown, the letter from Landmark church was presented and read.

The consideration of the report on Sunday Schools was continued, and remarks submitted by Elders Brown, Duncan, Burcham, Bird and Blackbern.

The report was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee would impress upon the churches the importance of engaging more generally in this department of Church

work. We know of nothing which conduces more to the development and prosperity of our churches, than well directed effort in Sunday Schools. The Sunday School, with propriety, may be called the nursery of the Church. We would further suggest to the churches the importance of supplying the schools with good, wholesome literature. We know of none better than such as may be obtained from our supply store, in charge of our Corresponding Secretary, Raleigh, N. C. Let us hope that during the next Associational year all the churches composing this Association WILL ENGAGE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

D. W. THOMASSON, }
ASA BROWN, } Com.

Elder E. F. Jones submitted a report on Ministerial and General Education, but its consideration was deferred until to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

Brother A. F. Wilcox submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Nominating an Executive Committee, for this Associational Year, would recommend the retention of the former board, composed of brethren James Eller, G. H. Phillips, and W. C. Fields. A. F. WILCOX, Chairman.

Elder T. M. Duncan submitted a report on Home Missions, and, after it was well discussed by Elders Jones, Thomas, Parks, Collis, Thomasson and the Moderator, the report was adopted, as follows:

Home Missions embraces all the destitution occupied by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, embracing the work in Cuba, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, the Indian Territory, &c. This Board has in its employ 251 Missionaries, occupying 822 places, who have baptised, during the past year, 3,923 persons. This Board has spent the past year, $122,097.20. The Lord is graciously blessing the labors of the Missionaries, particularly in Cuba. Help is called for by this Board, and we, your Committee, would heartily commend this work to your consideration and co-operation.

T. M. DUNCAN, }
W. F. BIRD, } Com.

The Committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following programme for preaching, which was adopted:

Preaching to-night, by Elder I. T. Privett and G. M. Burcham. To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, by Elder E. F. Jones.

The Association adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder G. M. Burcham; benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 24th, 1887.

The Association assembled and spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder T. M. Duncan.

At half past 9 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order.

The record of yesterday was read and approved. The roll of delegates called and corrected.

On motion of brother J. Eller, the Constitution was so changed as to make all ordained ministers, belonging to churches in this Association, delegates to this body.

The following report, on Digest of Church Letters, was submitted by brother G. H. Phillips, and adopted:

Your Committee on Digest of Church Letters, submit the following report on the state of the churches:

RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.	MEMBERS.
By Baptism	23
By Letter	13
By Application	4
By Restoration	2
Total	42

DISMISSED DURING THE YEAR.	
Excluded	6
Dismissed by Letter	8
Deceased	4
Total	18
Net increase since the organization	24.

Brother Allan Jones submitted the report on Time, Place and Preacher for next Association, and it was adopted, after being amended so as to read thus:

The Ashe and Alleghany Association will convene with Apple Grove Baptist church, Ashe County, N. C., 15 miles Northwest of Jefferson, on Horse Creek, on Thursday before the Second Sunday in September, A. D.,1888. Elder T. M. Honeycutt to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Elder G. W. Greene, Principal of Moravian Falls Academy, reported himself a correspondent from the Brushy Mountain Association, and was welcomed to a seat with the body.

Foreign Missions being the special order for 10 o'clock to-day, was now considered by re-reading the report which was submitted on yesterday by Elder I. W. Thomas.

The hour for preaching being at hand, the Association took a recess until 1 o'clock, to hear a sermon from Elder E. F. Jones; Text: Colossians III.: 1st., 2nd and 3rd verses, "If ye then be risen with Christ," &c.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association resumed business at 1 o'clock.

The report on Foreign Missions, being before the body when recess was taken, was now adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, are glad to report that the work of the Lord is hopeful and encouraging in foreign lands; but more men and means are pressingly needed to effectually prosecute the great work. The Macedonian cry is coming up from many quarters of heathen lands, "Come over and help *us*." Shall we heed this cry for the Bread of Life? The Baptist of North Carolina have five missionaries in foreign lands. Brethren Yates, Bryan and Herring, with their wives, in China; and Baldwin and Powell, with their wives, in Algiers, Northern Africa. Brethren and Sisters of the Ashe and Alleghany Association, we should contribute liberally of the means which God has graciously given us, to the support of these devoted and self-sacrificing men and women. We do not claim, and never have, that money ever has, or ever will convert a soul. The souls of the heathen must be converted just as our souls have been converted, by the word of God and the agency of the Holy Spirit; but we do need money to clothe and feed the missionaries, while they preach Jesus and him crucified to the heathen. Paul says, in Romans 10: 13–15: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved; How then shall they call on him of whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" The last words that fell from the lips of our glorified and ascending Savior were, "Go ye into *all* the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." This command cannot be obeyed without means to clothe and feed, and to bear the traveling expenses of the men whom God has called to this great work.

Of all people, the Baptist should be in the front ranks in foreign Mission work. We should be peculiarly anxious for the doctrines of the Bible as we understand them to be promulgated, not only in the destitute places at home but throughout the whole world; and we will never have fulfilled our high, responsible and God-given mission, until this end has been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted. I. W. THOMAS.

A collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to $5.07.

The report, on Ministerial and General Education, was, on yesterday, made the special order for this hour. It was therefore re-read, and talks made upon the subject by Elders Jones, Thomasson, Thomas, Greene, Collis, Woodson, and brother Fields, and adopted, as follows:

Education is the proper development of the physical, mental, and moral powers of men. We need schools to develop the mental and moral powers. In as much as the Free School system of our State is not what we desire it should be, we recommend that the people of this Association take deep interest in the common schools of our country, by employing good teachers and supplementing the free school money by subscription, and thereby make the free schools more efficient in their work. We further recommend, that wherever practical, that we build academies, and also patronize those we have, wherever good educational work is done. Let all our young men who can, attend Wake Forest College and secure the advantages of an education second to none in the South. We earnestly recommend that our people take a deeper interest in ministerial education; not the education of men for the ministry, but the education of ministers for the preaching of the word of God. If there are young ministers in this Association that are prepared, and can, let them attend Wake Forest College, and if they cannot attend college, let them attend some Academy, and if this be impractical, let them be supplied with good books and study at home. We think a minister should be an industrious man and never stop studying until his work here is done. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," says Paul to Timothy, and should be heeded by every true minister of the Gospel.

E. F. JONES,
W. C. FIELDS, } Com.

It was agreed to have a session to-night, and postpone the consideration of the report on Temperance until then.

The report on State Missions, and the report of the Executive Committee, were read, and the Association had the pleasure of listening to a very able and encouraging speech by Elder G. W. Greene, on the subject of State Missions, giving in detail the work of the State Mission Board, with many encouraging words to this Association, who was followed by ten minute speeches from Elders Woodson, Thomas, Collis, and brother G. H. Phillips.

The churches pledged the following amounts, to be paid to the missionaries in this Association, in cash or supplies, during the year:

Bethel	$ 10 00
Buffalo	5 00
Forest Home	15 00
Friendship	5 00
Landmark	5 00
Liberty	10 00
New Hope	25 00
Sparta	25 00
Prospective church at Jefferson	10 00
Total	$110 00

The reports were adopted as follows:

State Missions is the Mission work in the State of North Carolina, as conducted by the State Convention of Baptist. The State Mission Board has in the field for this year 81 Missionaries; some of them are employed for a part, and some for all their time. The Board is trying to have the Gospel preached in all the destitute places of our State. The Convention, at its last meeting, decided to spend within the State this year, $10,000, and, as there are 95,000 white Missionary Baptist in the State, that is only eleven cents per member. We call the attention of the churches of this Association that they can help greatly in this work, by contributing clothing and something to eat, to Elders D. W. Thomasson, at Jefferson, N. C., and T. M. Honeycutt, at Sparta, N. C., our Missionaries.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association, in session at New Hope Church:

DEAR BRETHREN:—With joy and gratitude, we come with our first annual report. God is good; His mercy endureth forever, and under His blessings the work has commenced and is going forward. Notwithstanding the financial pressure that is upon us, we note with pleasure that only $25.00 remains unpaid of the $80.00 pledged last year, and now we feel confident that this year they will do much more, since we have gotten better at work under our organization; and with courageous hearts, can we not attempt great things? With the aid of the State Board, we have been enabled to continue Elder T. M. Honeycutt at Sparta, and to get Elder D. W. Thomasson at Jefferson, to do missionary work in our Association. Brother Honeycutt has charge of Sparta, Liberty and New Hope churches, and is preaching at several other points. The Lord has blessed his labors, and he has succeeded beyond our most sanguine hopes, and especially in church building, having raised and applied nearly $700.00 on those churches. Brother Thomasson began work at Jefferson, 1st of May last; has surveyed the whole field of Ashe county, and is now preaching at Jefferson and three other points. He has succeeded in securing enough money to commence the work again on the Jefferson church house of worship and its completion is in the near future.

He thinks the prospect good for the establishment of other churches in the county. There is still much destitution in this field. These brethren, while having to contend against things calculated to discourage, yet are encouraged and feel that the Lord has great things in store for them.

Your committee would now recommend and urge that the churches now pledge what they can do for the work for the next year, either in money or in supplies.

J. ELLER,
W. C. FIELDS, } Com.
G. H. PHILLIPS,

The Finance Committee submitted the following:

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report:

Received from the churches for Minute found.....	$ 16 40
" for home missions.....	1 30
Total.....	$ 17 70

Report adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 7 o'clock to-night.

Benediction by Elder C. J. Woodson.

NIGHT SESSION.

SATURDAY NIGHT, Sept. 24th, 1887.

The Association assembled at 7 o'clock. Prayer by Elder G. M. Burcham.

The Moderator called the house to order, and announced the following Standing Committees, to write reports on the respective subjects and offer them at the next Annual Session:

On Foreign Missions—H. A. Eller and A. F. Wilcox.
On State Missions—James Eller and J. F. Fletcher.
On Home Missions—Norman Jones and H. H. Ray.
On Education—W. C. Fields and Allan Jones.
On Periodicals—E. E. Phillips and T. M. Duncan.
On Temperance—E. L. Tucker and Wm. Miller.
On Baptist Orphanage—D. W. Thomasson and D. Stamper.
On Sunday Schools—J. F. Fletcher and S. Blackbern.
On Digest of Church Letters—H. A. Eller and Wm. Howell.

The following report was submitted by the Treasurer, and adopted:

The Treasurer of the Ashe and Alleghany Association has the following to report, from the organization of this Association to the present session, September 25th, 1886:

Received of Ashe and Alleghany Association, to pay for printing Minutes of the Convention,	$13 46
Received from a collection taken on Sabbath at the Convention for Associational Missions,	3 16
Total,	$16 62
Paid printers, and other expenses, for the publishing and mailing of 350 copies of the proceedings of the Convention,	$13 46
Paid Elder T. M. Honeycutt, Missionary on the field,	3 16
Total,	$16 62

So the Association has an empty Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. ELLER, *Treasurer.*

Enquiry was made respecting the amount necessary to print Minutes of the present session, and, after some remarks, by the Secretary and other brethren, it was thought best to supplement the Minute fund, and $3.20 was raised for that purpose, making the amount for Minute fund $19.60, and, on motion of Elders D. W. Thomasson, the Secretary, was authorized and instructed to retain $5.00 for his services and expend the remainder of the fund for printing and distributing the Minutes to the churches.

The following resolution was offered, by H. A. Eller, and adopted :

Resolved, That any member of this Association, attending any sister Association, with whom this Association corresponds, report himself as a correspondent from this Association.

The following resolution of thanks was offered, by Elder C. J. Woodson, and adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the brethren, sisters and citizens of this community, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this meeting.

The following brethren agreed to go as correspondents to sister Associations, viz :

To Three Forks—Elders D. W. Thomasson, T. M. Duncan and T. M. Honeycutt, and brethren Calvin Jones and James Eller.

Brushy Mountain—Elders D. W. Thomasson and T. M. Duncan, and brethren D. Stamper and R. McHargue,

To New River—Elders T. M. Honeycutt and D. W. Thomasson, and brethren A. Jones, W. C. Fields and H. E. McMillan.

And so they were appointed by the Moderator.

Elder D. W. Thomasson and brethren W. C. Fields were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The report on Temperance was re-read, and able speeches were delivered against the use of intoxicating liquors, by Elders Collis, Jones, Privett, Parks, the Moderator, and others.

On motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

Intemperance first made its attacks upon the preachers of righteousness, then the King, the Bar, the Bench, the family circle, and the Church of the living God, and is the only sin in the catalogue of crimes that has caused Hell to be enlarged, and, as its effects are evil, and that continually, we advise our ministers, with all our churches, to use all their influence to drive the curse of Intemperance from our beloved and beautiful land. No church should indulge any of its members in making, vending or using ardent spirits, in any way, except for medical or mechanical purposes.

S. M. COLLIS,
I. T. PRIVETT, } Com.

The Committee on Religious Exercises, submitted the following programme for to-morrow's exercises:

Sunday School Mass Meeting at 9 o'clock, A. M.
Preaching in the Grove at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Elders G. W. Greene and E. F. Jones.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Apple Grove Baptist church, Ashe County, N. C., on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, A. D., 1888.

A hymn was sung, and the Brethren took the parting hand.

H. A. ELLER, *Clerk*,
BERLIN, Ashe County, N. C.

T. M. HONEYCUTT, *Moderator*,
SPARTA, Alleghany Co., N. C.

SUNDAY.

The congregation engaged in a Sunday School Mass Meeting. Speeches were made by Elders Thomas, Thomasson and Parks, and the meeting adjourned to the

grove, and listened to short but able sermons from Elder G. W. Greene and E. F. Jones. Text of former: Isaiah XLV.–22. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth," &c: Hymn, "Father I stretch my hands to Thee." Text of the latter: "And the time of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

A contribution, for the support of the Gospel in this field, was taken, amounting to $4.92.

Thus passed the first session of the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

Brethren, let us be encouraged, and pray God that the seed which have been sown here and elsewhere, by our faithful Ministers, in the past year, may produce an abundant harvest in the near future. CLERK.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR THE SESSION JUST PASSED.

H. A. ELLER, IN ACC'T WITH ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

Received Cash for Baptist Orphanage,		$ 6 35
" " for Foreign Missions,		5 07
" " for Home Missions,		1 30
" " for Minute Fund,		19 60
Total received,		$32 32
Paid Cash to Baptist Orphanage including Postage,		$ 6 35
" " to Foreign Mission Board, " "		5 07
" " to Home " " "		1 30
" " to Printers for Minutes, " "		14 60
Retained balance allowed me as compensation,		5 00
Total disposed of,		$32 32

H. A. ELLER, *Treasurer.*

Statistics of the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

Moderator—Rev. T. M. Honeycutt.....Sparta, N. C.
Clerk and Treasurer—H. A. Eller.....Berlin, Ashe County, N. C.

Churches.	Counties.	Nearest P. O.	Added by			Dismis'd by			Total Membership.
			Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	
Apple Grove	Ashe, N. C.	Weasel, N. C.	6	2		2	2		101
Bethel	Ashe, N. C.	Beaver Creek, N. C.	1			3	1	1	101
Buffalo	Ashe, N. C.	Beaver Creek, N. C.	1			1		2	92
Forest Home	Ashe, N. C.	Berlin, N. C.	3			4	1		45
Friendship	Ashe, N. C.	Jefferson, N. C.		2			2		34
Landmark	Ashe, N. C	Silas Creek, N. C.	12	7	2				57
Liberty	Alleghany, N. C.	White Head, N. C.	1						16
New Hope	Alleghany, N. C.	Prather's Creek, N. C.						1	36
Sparta	Alleghany, N. C.	Sparta, N. C.		2					18
			24	13	2	10	6	4	500

Work of the Churches for the Past Year.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Offices.	Clerks.	Post Offices.	Contributions, &c.					Sunday Schools.	
					Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Paid Pastor.	Minute Fund.	Attendance in S. School.	Remarks.
Apple Grove	N. M. Blevins	Green Cove, Va	E. L. Tucker	Husk, N. C	$	$	$10 25	$	$3 00	87	
Bethel	Wm. Wilcox	Elk Cross Roads, N. C.	E. E. Phillips	Gap Creek, N. C					2 00		None.
Buffalo	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C	H. H. Ray	Jefferson, N. C		1 30		25 00	2 00	50	Approximate.
Forest Home	I. W. Thomas	Boone, N. C	H. A. Eller	Berlin, N, C			20 80	60 00	2 50	50	"
Friendship	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C	W. L. Luther	Jefferson, N. C				10 00	1 00		None Reported.
Landmark	J. F. Fletcher	Silas Creek, N. C	A. Barker	Grimsley, N. C				35 00	95		" "
Liberty	T. M. Honeycutt	Sparta, N. C	D. Stamper	White Head, N. C					1 00		" "
New Hope	T. M. Honeycutt	Sparta, N. C	A. Jones	Prather's Creek, N. C.		2 00		15 00	2 50	50	Approximate.
Sparta	T. M. Honeycutt	Sparta, N. C	W. C. Fields	Sparta, N. C	1 00		5 00	12 00	1 45	50	"

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, except by permission of the body.
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house, or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.
7. Order of Business.

(1.) Introductory Sermon.
(2.) Enrollment of Delegates.
(3.) Election of Officers.
(4.) Reception of New Churches.
(5.) Reading Constitution, Rules of Order, and Abstract of Principles.
(6.) Appointment of Committees.
(7.) Report of Executive Committee.
(8.) Report of Treasurer.
(9.) Reports of Committees.
(10.) Miscellaneous.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testaments—is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man, and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptised and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine, should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment.

9th. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called "THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION."

II. The object of this Association shall be organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the Gospel in our own bounds and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

III. The members of this body shall be all the Ordained Ministers of the churches composing this Association, and three delegates from each church, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment, and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

IV. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, in such way as the Association may direct; the last two offices may be held by the same brother.

V. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the Association may direct and make a report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IX. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of three brethren, who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general State of Mission Work.

X. At each Annual Session there shall be appointed committees to make reports during the session on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals, Temperance, Digest of Church Letters, Finance, and Time, Place and Preachers for next Session.

XI. Each Annual Session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII. The Association will not receive nor retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

XIII. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Session.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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DUNCAN, T. M.....Beaver Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
THOMASSON, D. W.....Jefferson, Ashe Co., N. C.
FLETCHER, J. F.....Silas Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
BLACKBERN, S.....Walnut Hill, Ashe Co., N. C.
TUCKER, ELIHU.....Weasel, Ashe Co., N. C.
SWIFT, C. F.....Mit, Johnson Co., Tenn.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ELLER, JAMES.....Berlin, Ashe Co., N. C.
FIELDS, W. C.....Sparta, N. C.
PHILLIPS, GEORGE H.....Jefferson, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

APPLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
THURSDAY, Sept. 6, 1888.

The Seeond Annual meeting of the Ashe and Alleghany Association was held with Apple Grove Baptist Chureh, Ashe county, N. C., September 6th to 8th, A. D. 1888.

The delegates composing this Association met at near 12 o'cloek m., and engaged in singing. The Moderator made some appropriate remarks and mentioned some speeial objects of prayer. The delegates then united in prayer led by the Moderator.

On motion, the Association postponed the Introductory Sermon till to-morrow morning at 11 o'elock.

Letters from the different churches were read by the Secretary and Rev. D. W. Thomasson, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Apple Grove—W. P. Lewis, D. Tucker, E. Tucker and J. Grayham.
Bethel—Not represented.
Buffalo—T. M. Duncan.
Bristol—S. Blackburn by proxy.
Forest Home—H. A. Eller.
Friendship—J. W. Dillard.
Healing Springs—W. H. Brown and Geo. Blevins.
Jefferson—D. W. Thomasson and W. B. Graybeal.
Landmark—J. F. Fletcher, W. P. Barker, A. P. Howell and Wm. Johnson.
Liberty—D. M. Stamper.
New Hope—N. H. Jones and A. Jones.
Pleasant Home—I. M. Carter, M. F. Carter, Owen Blevins and E. Gwaltney.
Rye Cove—Wm. Glenn, J. J. S. Denney, J. W. Williams and C. F. Swift.
Sparta—T. M. Honeycutt.

(The foregoing list embraces all who afterwards became delegates by the admittance of churches into this Association.)

An opportunity was given to delegates holding letters from Baptist churehes to this body to present them, and letters from Jefferson and Rye Cove, newly organized churehes, and Pleasant Home, of the New River Assoeiation, were presented and read—all of which asked to become members of this body, which was unanimously granted and

the delegates welcomed and seated members of this Association.

On motion, the Association proceeded to organize by electing officers by acclamation, the result of which was the re-election of the former officers, viz.: Elder T. M. Honeycutt, Moderator, and H. A. Eller, Secretary and Treasurer, who accepted and proceeded to their duties.

Corresponding and visiting brethren were invited to report themselves, whereupon Elder G. M. Burcham and Bro. J. Edminson, from the New River Association, reported themselves visitors and received the hand of welcome by the Moderator and took seats with the body.

The Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles were read.

The following Committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Delegates of this Church, with brethren M. F. Carter and J. J. S. Denney.

On Finance—A. Jones and J. Grayham.

On Time, Place and Preacher for next Association—W. P. Barker, N. H. Jones and S. A. Campbelle.

On motion, the Association agreed to meet at 9 o'clock, a. m., spend half an hour in devotional exercises and begin business promptly at half past 9; adjourn at 11 to hear a sermon and convene at 1, and adjourn at pleasure each day during the session.

The Association adjourned till time specified for to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder T. M. Duncan. Benediction by Elder D. W. Thomasson.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, Sept. 7, 1888.

Met at 9 a. m., as per adjournment. Elder J. F. Fletcher led devotional exercises for one-half hour.

The Association then came to order. Read and approved minutes of yesterday. Letters from Friendship and Bristol churches were presented, and read, the latter being a newly organized church asked to become a member of this body, which was granted by a unanimous vote.

Visiting and corresponding brethren were given an opportunity to be recognized, and Bro. W. S. Farthing and Elder N. Campbelle reported themselves visitors from the Three Forks Association, Elder C. J. Woodson from the Caldwell County Association, and Elders Farmer and Brooks from the Mountain Union Association, all of whom received the hand of welcome by the Moderator and took seats with the body.

At 10 a. m., the report on Foreign Missions was read by

the Secretary, and discussed by Elders Burcham, Woodson and the Moderator, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This department of our Christian work is one of the most worthy and God-like of all the work that the Christian Church has ever or can ever engage in. It is one of the distinguishing features of us as a denomination, occupying as we do the front ranks in many of the heathen lands, and being among the first to engage in it.

Much needs to be said to our people upon this subject that our limited space will not admit in this report. The past year has been one full of interest to us in this work. We have been bereaved of two able and faithful Missionaries in Central China—brethren Yates and Duvalt. There is urgent need of more men to occupy the fields which these men have left, and if we would have the work progress many other men should occupy other fields. Brethren Herring and Bryan, with some sisters and native ministers, are doing all in their power to hold the ground already gained in Central China till help can be sent.

Our Missionary work in Mexico, South America, Europe and Africa is progressing well for the men and means employed. But our brethren at these places are all appealing to the Southern Baptist Convention for more men and means to aid in the prosecution of this great work. When we remember how near innumerable the population of the heathen world is, we are not astonished at the urgent appeals made for help by these men of God. Upon the Continent of Africa alone are one hundred and ninety millions of our fellow creatures who have never heard the Gospel. Add to these the mighty population of nearly all of China, with all other Pagan and Papal lands, and the result is almost an innumerable host of immortal souls perishing for the bread of life. Can we remain indifferent to their condition? Our deceased brethren of China both left the world asking for help. All our living Missionaries are appealing for help. Their work is being blest of God, and we should be encouraged to help. The Spirit of the Gospel commands us to help; and, brethren, if we would be held guiltless, we *must* help by our *prayers* and *means* as well. We may not be able to do much in material things, but the performance of a plain duty will bring its blessing. Your committee recommends that Pastors and delegates *fail not* to lay the needs of this work more fully before their churches, and let us all during the next year make at *least one offering in every church for this object in prayer and contributions.*

Submitted, H. A. ELLER.

A collection was taken for the above object to the amount of $5.30.

At 11 a. m. the Association took a recess until 1 p. m. to hear the Introductory Sermon, by Elder T. M. Honeycutt. Text: Psalms xliii, 3 verse, "O send out thy light."

The sermon was strong and practical, and a success in toto.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came to order at 1 p. m. Brethren A. J. Heart and J. P. Tucker were recognized as visitors from the

New River Association. Brother W. H. Brown presented a letter from Healing Springs church, recently constituted, asking membership in this Association, which was granted, and the letter read and the delegates received.

At 1:30 p. m. the Report on Temperance was read by brother E. L. Tucker and made the special order for to-morrow at 2 p. m. At 1:45 p. m. the Report on Periodicals was submitted by Elder T. M. Duncan and discussed by Elders Duncan and Burcham and the Moderator, and the brethren and friends contributed an amount sufficient to pay for the *Biblical Recorder* one year for four of our ministers who were not subscribers to it, with the hope that they will become permanent subscribers.

The Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals submit the following: We regret that our people do not take more interest in our denominational papers. It is encouraging to know that we have in the *Biblical Recorder* a religious journal, ably edited, a bold and faithful exponent of the truth as taught in the Scriptures and as held by Baptist. For Sunday Schools, we recommend *Kind Words* and the excellent periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society.

We earnestly solicit every family in this Association to take the *Recorder*, and ask all our Pastors to use their influence for its circulation in their congregations so that our people may become better acquainted with what we are doing as a denomination.

We also earnestly recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and the *Gospel Herald*, published at Raleigh, N. C.

T. M. DUNCAN, } Com.
E. C. PHILLIPS, }

At 2:15 p. m. Brother A. Jones submitted the Report on Education, which was discussed at length by Elders Woodson, Burcham, Fletcher, Carter and the Moderator, and brethren Farthing and Tucker. It was adopted thus:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is too late to argue the necessity and importance of Education. These are established facts, so potent to the observations of all that those who will not accept them must be content to be left behind in the great march of progress and improvement. The tide is rising every hour, and soon the irresistible flood will be surging over all the land. The day is coming, nor is it far distant, when the school house, with its efficient and well-managed school, will be in easy reach of all our youths, and considered as necessary and as much a matter of course as stables, fences, mill houses, clothing and food. Yet our people are far from realizing this fact, and far from realizing the moral obligations involved. The parent who withholds the priceless boon of education from his child, or the community, Church or State, that denies it to its youths, cannot be guiltless before God. Education is no longer to be considered as a luxury or advantage. We must consider it in the light of sacred and solemn duty. Second

only to those that spring directly from religion. It is high time that the church awake to its duty of training. So far as intellectual culture can go, to preach effectively, to hear understandingly, and to enter the broad field of human duty with intellect thoroughly furnished, trained, and developed. Prepared thus, as by no other means, can be efficiency in duty. We entreat our brethren to lay hold upon this mighty force with prayerful vigor, and consecration; to spare no pains to make our public schools more efficient, and give cheerfully their money, their prayers, and their boys to build up their own school, Wake Forest College, and Moravian Falls Academy, as a preparatory school which any youth, unprepared for college, will do well to enter.

Submitted by ALLAN JONES.

At 3 p. m. the Report on Home Missions was read by brother N. H. Jones. The work of this Board was explained and discussed by the Moderator to the edification of the entire body. The Report was slightly amended, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions embraces all the destitution occupied by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, embracing the work in Cuba, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, the Indian Territory, etc.

This Board has in its employ 287 Missionaries, occupying 1114 places. Work done from May 1st, 1887, to May, 1888: Sermons preached, 33,868; Baptism, 4,857; received by letter, 2,639; Total additions, 7,496. Churches constituted, 306; Houses of worship built, 64; Their Cost, $54,068.00; Sunday Schools organized, 431; Teachers and pupils, 17,240; Sunday School publications distributed, 4,754,000. The Lord continues to greatly bless the labors of our Missionaries. Help is called for by this Board, and we, your Committee, heartily commend this work to your consideration, and recommend that the same list of names herebefore furnished the President of this Board be recommended to him for co-operation in this work.

N. H. JONES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following programme for divine worship: Preaching to-morrow at 11 a. m. by Elder G. W. Burcham.

At 4 p. m. the Association adjourned to time of meeting to-morrow. Prayer by Elder S. Blackburn. Benediction by Elder C. J. Woodson.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Sept. 8, 1888.

At 9 a. m. the Association met as per adjournment.

Elder T. M. Duncan led devotional exercises one-half hour.

At 9:30 a. m. the Association came to order. Read, amended and approved minutes of yesterday. Roll of delegates was called and corrected. The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Relation of Churches to Pastors—C. J. Woodson and W. S. Farthing.

On Colportage—H. A. Eller, N. H. Jones and W. H. Brown.

The former Executive Board was re-appointed.

Elder D. W. Thomasson was appointed a delegate to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

At 10 a. m. the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Time—Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1889.

Place—Landmark Church, Ashe county, N. C., nine miles north of Jefferson.

Preachers—T. M. Duncan, principal; J. F. Fletcher, alternate.

At 10:15 a. m. Elder D. W. Thomasson read the report on Baptist Orphanage, and the subject was discussed by Elders Thomasson and Woodson, and $5.75 was raised to aid this institution. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville, N. C., J. H. Mills is general manager. The Visiting Committee made the following report at the last annual meeting: We found 92 orphans on the ground, all in good health, and presenting a fine appearance. We were sorry to learn that only $7,401.75 had been contributed during the year, lacking $112.27 of meeting necessary expenses—$10,000 would have been little enough. We hope this amount will be raised during the present year. The Orphanage is growing in favor with the people. We commend it to our churches and people as worthy of their benefactions. *Charity and Children* is published weekly at the Orphanage, and all the proceeds of the paper go toward supporting the orphans. It contains a great deal of good reading matter, and should find its way into all Baptist families. Subscription, $1.00 a year.

D. W. THOMASSON,
D. M. STAMPER,
Committee.

The following report on Digest of Church Letters was read by the Secretary, and some remarks were offered in connection with the report by Elder D. W. Thomasson. It was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

An examination of the letters from the different churches show the following state of things to exist, and work done: Received by baptism, 41; by letter, 23; by application, 7; restored, 2; dismissed by letter, 42; excluded, 13; deceased, 5. Net gain from these sources, 13. Four newly-constituted churches aggregating 68 members, and Pleasant Home Church of 85 members, from another Association, have been received, making 153 members from these sources. Total gain, 166 members. Total membership, 678. As to the contributions of the churches, we note with pleasure that a few churches have increased their contributions to some objects, and one or two

churches have contributed something to all the departments of our work, and we feel encouraged that these churches will continue to increase, and that they will serve as an impetus to other churches to do more for time to come. We regret to note that some churches have fallen off in their contributions to some objects, but hope that this will no longer be the case: and we seriously regret that some churches have done nothing for any object, save to pastoral support and minute fund. We hope that this will not longer continue. We are glad to know that some of the churches just received have shown a working spirit since their organization, and bid fair to become efficient members of this body. We are pleased to see that some churches have Sunday Schools, but regret that there is not much improvement in this department of our work since last year. Finally, we think that there has been progress made during the last year, and let us hope that the coming year will be attended with greater efforts in all the departments of our work, and that we will have much more progress to note for the coming year when it is ended. Submitted, H. A. ELLER.

At 10:30 a. m. the report on Sunday Schools was read by Elder S. Blackburn and discussed by Bro. W. S. Farthing. It was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is an important auxiliary to the Church. In its origin and organization it is separate and distinct from the Church, but its designs and work sustains an important relation to the Church. The chief object of the Sunday School should be to prepare the mind for the reception of the Gospel, and to teach the Bible as the Bible is, to the exclusion of isms and traditions. While it is no part of the Church and in its origin had no connection with the same, yet at the present day it is almost entirely under the control of the Church, and should be used as an effectual means of disseminating Gospel truths. It should not be sectarian, but it should be free to all, a place for, and a means of mental instruction and individual benefit in teaching morality as well as the principles of the Gospel. Therefore, we urge the delegates of this Association to keep live Sunday Schools in their churches at home.

Submitted, S. BLACKBURN.

At 10:45 a. m. the report on Church and Pastoral Relations was read by C. J. Woodson, and discussed by brethren Woodson, J. W. Tucker and others. The hour for preaching being at hand, the Association suspended business till 1 p. m. to hear a sermon by Elder G. M. Burcham. Text, Matthew 10th chapter and latter clause of the 8th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 p. m. the Association resumed business and continued the consideration of the report on Church and Pastoral Relations, and it was further discussed by brethren W. S. Farthing, N. H. Jones and Allan Jones, and adopted.

[We are not able to produce the report, if it came into our hands, it has been lost or mislaid. It urged the importance of our churches

sustaining their Pastors better and thereby enable their Pastors to become more efficient.]

At 1:30 p. m. the Report on State Missions was read by the Secretary, and discussed by Elders D. W. Thomasson, C. J. Woodson and the Moderator. The Secretary then asked the delegates of the different churches to pledge, for their respective churches, something to aid the State Board to continue the work in this field, and the following was the response: Buffalo, $5.00; Forest Home, $20.00; Landmark, $10.00; Jefferson, $20.00; Liberty, $10.00; New Hope, $40.00; Pleasant Home, $5.00; Healing Springs, $5.00; Rye Cove, $5.00; Sparta, $30.00. Individuals: J. B. Spence, $1.00, (paid); Joseph Grayham, 50 cents; J. W. Tucker, $2.00; T. M. Honeycutt, $5.00. Total, $158.50. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There is no department of our work that is more worthy, or that commends itself to our minds and hearts than the State Mission work. Your Committee regards it as being first in importance, and more binding upon us than any other department of our Church work; for without it our Christian work would be incomplete. If we would have all other departments of our work to prosper we must first give the Gospel to our own people, and aid in their conversion, and build up strong working churches in our State. This can be done only by our State Missions, aided by our Pastors. In order to do this we must have means to aid us, and sustain the State Mission work. The State Convention, with which we co-operate, decided last year to raise $10,000 or more for this work, and, to employ 82 live and consecrated men to preach in the destitute places within the State. Some for part and others for all their time. Among them are our own Missionaries, Elders D. W. Thomasson, at Jefferson, and T. M. Honeycutt, at Sparta, for whom this Association should feel grateful to the State Board.

Your Committee would congratulate this Association upon the efficient work and rapid progress made in this field by our beloved Missionaries. Our churches ought to grow in the spirit of giving, and become nearer self-sustaining, and aid liberally with their means, and especially lend their prayers and sympathies to this beneficent work.

The Central Committee, located at Raleigh, N. C., composed of some of our noble sisters, last year raised, and disbursed for State Missions, more than $1,000. We should not be content with what has been done, but go far beyond last year's work. If we would have the Convention aid us we must begin to do something for the work. Your Committee recommends the appointment of one member from each church a Committee to aid the State Mission work.

J. ELLER,
J. F. FLETCHER } Committee.

By a request of the Association the following Report of Executive Committee was furnished after the close of the

session. Owing to uncontrollable things the Committee was not present during the session:

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We present unto you this our second annual report. We have noticed with deep interest the Mission work of this Association. Under God's blessings the work is moving forward under the wise leadership of Elder D. W. Thomasson. The house of worship at Jefferson has been finished and paid for, and a Church organized in it. The outlook at this place is hopeful. Brother Thomasson, aided by other brethren, has organized several other churches. All of these new Churches are worshipping in school houses, except the one at Jefferson. We note with pleasure however that the Church at Healing Springs is preparing to build at an early day. Elder T. M. Honeycutt is all alone in Alleghany county, but notwithstanding his loneliness, and the further fact that he is in the hardest field, yet one of the most important in the State, he is pushing forward the work; by his energy the house at Sparta has been finished and dedicated. The house at New Hope has been dedicated also this year.

The house of worship at Liberty is nearing completion. This is an important point and needs close attention; the brethren are not financially strong, and it seems almost incredible that such a house could have been built with so little outside aid. Brother Honeycutt has done some important work just across the Alleghany line at Trap Hill, but from the importance of this work we commend him for giving it his attention. We trust that the Association will use its utmost energies to retain these brethren on the field, and that every church will do what it can in the support of this work.

We feel profoundly grateful to the State Board for the deep interest manifested in this work, and for the substantial aid given us.

Dear brethren can we not do much more the incoming year than we did last year? Can we not almost double it? Let us try.

W. C. FIELDS,
J. ELLER,
G. H. PHILLIPS, } Ex. Comm.

At 2 p. m. the Finance Committee submitted the following Report:

Received as Minute Fund $20.90.

The Report was adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to retain $5 for his services and expend the balance in printing and distributing the Minutes.

At 2:15 p. m. the Report on Intemperance was re-read and discussed by Woodson, Thomasson and Fletcher, and adopted:

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Intemperance confronts us at the threshold of all departments of business. The great sin of Intemperance has had its effects upon the Nations of the earth ever since the Flood, and its influence has so increased that nations are mourning, widows crying and children are begging for bread. Now, if the Church of the living God cannot impede its progress by its influence against it, what will become of

our nation? For by its effects nearly one million in these United States die annually. We, as your Committee, earnestly ask that the ministers and members abstain from its use, only as a medicine.

E. L. TUCKER,
WILLIAM MILLER, } Com.

At 2:30 p. m. a Report on Colportage was read by the Secretary, and some remarks were offered in connection by Elder Thomasson and the Moderator. The Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee would call the attention of this Association to the work of Colportage. It is a work that is greatly needed to be taken up by us as an Association. The State Convention has not engaged in this work to any considerable extent until last year, and is therefore without means to prosecute it, unless Associations, churches, or individuals will take hold of the work and become responsible for the books advanced. The Executive Board of this Association, since our last meeting, appointed a Committee for this work. Two of the Committee met, and with other brethren became responsible to the State Board for the sum of $200, and would have had one or more men on the field, but the men who were then available would not engage in the work at the commission given by the State Board, and in order to start this work it is necessary to supplement the commission, in some way. We therefore recommend that steps be taken to supplement the pay of a Colporter, and that a standing committee of three be appointed to look after this work.

H. A. ELLER,
N. H. JONES,
W. H. BROWN, } Committee.

The committee which reported on Colportage was made the standing committee on this work for the year.

At 3 p. m. Elder T. M. Honeycutt and Bro. James Eller were, by common consent, elected delegates to the State Convention.

The resolution as passed by this Association at its last session relative to corresponding with other Associations was again endorsed as follows:

Resolved, That any member of this Association attending any sister Association with which this Association corresponds report himself a correspondent from this Association.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. W. S. Farthing and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the dear brethren, sisters and friends in the vicinity of Apple Grove Church, for the hospitality manifested towards the members and visitors in attendance during the present session.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Moderator:

1. *On Foreign Missions*—D. W. Thomasson and G. H. Phillips.

2. *On State Missions*—W. C. Fields and N. H. Jones.
3. *On Home Missions*—H. A. Eller and I. M. Carter.
4. *On Education*—J. F. Fletcher and M. F. Carter.
5. *On Periodicals*—S. Blackburn and E. Tucker.
6. *On Temperance*—C. F. Swift and J. W. Dillard.
7. *On Baptist Orphanage*—J. Eller and Wm. Miller.
8. *On Sunday Schools*—Allan Jones and D. M. Stamper.
9. *On Digest of Church Letters*—T. M. Duncan and W. B. Graybeal.
10. *On Colportage*—W. H. Brown and E. E. Phillips.
11. *On Pastoral and Church Relations*—A. F. Wilcox and S. A. Campbelle.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made the following report:

Sunday School Mass-Meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock; at 11 T. M. Honeycutt to preach, and C. J. Woodson at 2 p. m.

The Association adjourned to time and place before stated.

A kind admonition by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder D. W. Thomasson.

Benediction by the Moderator.

T. M. HONEYCUTT, Moderator.

H. A. ELLER, Secretary.

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES.

At 9 a. m. the meeting came to order and was presided over by Elder C. J. Woodson and after prayer by Bro. D. M. Stamper, the subject of Sunday Schools was discussed by brethren N. H. Jones, H. A. Eller, E. L. Tucker, and Elders Woodson, Thomasson and Honeycutt.

At 11 a. m. Elder C. J. Woodson preached a practical sermon of 30 minutes. Subject: "Let your light so shine, &c.", Matt. 5th chapter and 16th verse. Elder Honeycutt followed in a short talk. Every person seemed to be interested, and we hope much good was accomplished by our meeting, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather.

A collection for State Missions was taken. Amount received, $1.86.

Thus passed the second annual session of the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As Treasurer of the Ashe and Alleghany Association, I have the following to report for the year 1888:

Received cash for Foreign Missions	$ 5.30
" " " Baptist Orphanage	5.75
" " " State Missions	1.86
" " " Minute Fund	23.10
Total received	$36.01
Paid cash to Foreign Mission Board	$ 5.30
" " " Baptist Orphanage	5.75
" " " State Missions	1.86
" " " Printers, and for Stationery, Postage, &c.	18.10
Retained balance allowed me	5.00
Total disposed of	$36.01

H. A. ELLER, Treasurer.

STATISTICS OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NEAREST POST OFFICE.	Added by Baptism.	Added by Letter and Application.	Added by Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter	Dismissed by Death	Dismissed by Exclusion.	Total Membership.
Apple Grove	Ashe	Weasel, N. C.	8	.....	.....	1	...	2	109
Bethel	Ashe	Beaver Creek, N. C.	10	.....	.....	...	...	.....	112
Bristol	Ashe	Jefferson, N. C.	3	4	.....	...	...	.....	18
Buffalo	Ashe	Beaver Creek, N. C.	7	4	.....	3	1	2	100
Forest Home	Ashe	Berlin, N. C.	4	2	.....	4	...	8	42
Friendship	Ashe	Jefferson, N. C.	4	.....	.....	7	1	.....	27
Healing Springs	Ashe	Crumpler, N. C.	1	4	.....	...	...	.....	19
Jefferson	Ashe	Jefferson, N. C.	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	16
Landmark	Ashe	Silas Creek, N. C.	6	6	.....	7	...	.....	63
Liberty	Alleghany	White Head, N. C.	...	1	.....	2	...	.....	15
New Hope	Alleghany	Prather's Creek, N. C.	1	5	.....	...	1	.....	41
Pleasant Home	Ashe	Bristol, N. C.	6	.....	2	16	1	1	85
Rye Cove	Ashe	Mit, Johnson Co., Tenn	...	3	.....	...	...	.....	15
Sparta	Alleghany	Sparta, N. C.	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	16
		Total	51	29	2	42	5	13	678

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called "THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION."

II. The object of this Association shall be organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the Gospel in our own bounds and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

III. The members of this body shall be all the Ordained Ministers of the churches composing this Association, and three delegates from each church, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment, and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

IV. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, in such way as the Association may direct; the last two offices may be held by the same brother.

V. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the Association may direct and make a report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IX. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of three brethren, who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of Mission Work.

X. At each Annual Session there shall be appointed committees to make reports during the session on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals, Temperance, Digest of Church Letters, Finance, and Time, Place and Preachers for next Session.

XI. Each Annual Session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII. The Association will not receive nor retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

XIII. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Session.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As Treasurer of the Ashe and Alleghany Association, I have the

WORK OF THE CHUR

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	P
Apple Grove	N. Campbelle	Mit, Tenn	E. L. Tucker	We
Bethel	Wm. Wilcoxen	Elk X Roads, N. C.	E. E. Phillips	Gap
*Bristol	S. Blackbern	Walnut Hill, N. C.	J. J. McLure	Jeff
Buffalo	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C.	J. M. McConnell	Bea
Forest Home	I. W. Thomas	Boone, N. C.	H. A. Eller	Ber
Friendship	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C.	J. W. Dillard	Wa
Healing Springs	G. M. Burcham	Mt. Wilson, Va.	W. H. Brown	We
Jefferson	D. W. Thomasson	Jefferson	W. B. Graybeal	Bea
Landmark	J. F. Fletcher	Silas Creek, N. C.	A. P. Howell	Wal
Liberty	T. M. Honeycutt	Sparta, N. C.	D. M. Stamper	Wh
†New Hope	T. M. Honeycutt	Sparta, N. C.	A. Jones	Pra
‡Pleasant Home.			A. Blevins	Bris
Rye Cove	N. Campbelle	Mit, Tenn	A. J. Barker	Gra
⁒Sparta	T. M. Honeycutt	Sparta, N. C.	W. C. Fields	Spa

†⁒These churches report $35.00 paid to visiting ministers who la

*Recently organized.

‡This church co-operated with another Association last year.

Jefferson	Ashe	Jefferson, N. C.	...	...	...	...	...	10
Landmark	Ashe	Silas Creek, N. C.	6	6	...	7	...	63
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CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY

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OFFICES.	CONTRIBUTIONS, &C.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	
	Paid Pastor.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Education.	Colportage.	Church Building.	Minute Fund.	Attendance in S. S.	REMARKS.
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r, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	35	Approximate.
's Ford, N. C.	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	None reported.
Creek, N. C.	.....	10 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	300 00	2 00	.....	None reported.
Hill, N. C.	62 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 65	.....	None reported.
Head, N. C.	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 00	1 00	.....	None reported.
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RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, except by permission of the body.
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house, or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.
7. Order of Business.

(1.) Introductory Sermon.
(2.) Enrollment of Delegates.
(3.) Election of Officers.
(4.) Reception of New Churches.
(5.) Reading Constitution, Rules of Order, and Abstract of Principles.
(6.) Appointment of Committees.
(7.) Report of Executive Committee.
(8.) Report of Treasurer.
(9.) Reports of Committees.
(10.) Miscellaneous.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testaments—is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man, and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptised and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine, should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment.

9th. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

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FLETCHER, J. F.....Silas Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
BLACKBURN, S.....Walnut Hill, Ashe Co., N. C.
TUCKER, ELIHU.....Weasel, Ashe Co., N. C.
SWIFT, C. T.....Mit, Johnson Co., Tenn.
RIDDLE, J.....Beaver Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
REEDY, E. W.....Grassy Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
CARTER, J. M.....Grassy Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.

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FIELDS, W. C.....Sparta, Alleghany Co., N. C.
PHILLIPS, G. W.....Jefferson, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH,
THURSDAY, Sept. 12, 1889.

The Third Annual Session of the Ashe and Alleghany Association of Baptist Convened with Landmark Church, Ashe county, N. C., on Thursday, September 12th, A. D. 1889.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Elder T. M. Duncan, who also preached the Introductory Sermon from Matthew 7:21: "Not every one that sayeth, Lord, Lord, shall enter, &c." Prayer by Elder E. W. Reedy. Intermission.

At half past 12 p. m., the Association was called to order by the Secretary, in the absence of the Moderator, and on motion, Bro. W. C. Fields was called to the Chair *pro tempore*.

Letters from twelve of the different churches were read. Elder E. W. Reedy, assisting the Secretary, and the names of the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Apple Grove—J. W. Tucker, Sidney Tucker, Elihu Tucker and Augustus Prewit.
Bethel—E. E. Phillips, G. W. Burkett and J. P. Goodman.
Bristol—Albert Wallace, Levi McClure and J. Sammons.
Buffalo—T. M. Duncan, J. Riddle and S. A. Campbell.
Forest Home—R. L. Shoaf, D. Day, H. A. Eller and J. Eller.
Friendship—J. M. Ballou, W. N. Ballou and J. W. Dillard.
Healing Springs—W. H. Brown, Wells Blevins and F. Barker.
Jefferson—D. W. Thomasson.
Landmark—J. F. Fletcher, A. P. Howell, L. M. Brinager and J. Hurley.
Liberty—Eli Holaway.
New Hope—J. C. Jones and J. F. McMillan.
Pleasant Home—J. M. Carter, E. W. Reedy, F. Kirk, W. W. Hendler and H. Gaultney.
Rye Cove—C. T. Swift, W. H. Glen and J. F. Walton.
Sparta—W. C. Fields.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of permanent officers, by ballot. Elder W. W. White and Bro. James Eller, being tellers, who received the ballots and announced as the result the election of Bro. W. C. Fields, Moderator, and H. A. Eller. Clerk and Treasurer; both of whom accepted and proceeded to their respective duties.

The following visiting brethren were introduced and invited to seats: Elder W. W. White from the Brushy Mountain Association, and N. Campbell from the Three Forks

Association. The privileges of a delegate were conferred upon Bro. James Eller, he being a member of the Executive Committee.

The Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles were read.

The Chair announced the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—The Pastor and Delegates of this Church, with Brethren J. C. Jones, James Eller and Levi Mc'Lure.

On Finance—J. W. Tucker, D. Day and S. A. Campbell.

In the absence of Standing Committees, E. W. Reedy and W. W. Hudler were appointed to prepare a report on Sunday Schools; to aid Elder T. M. Duncan in preparing a report on Digest of Church Letters, Bro. G. W. Burkett.

On Pastoral and Church Relations—Elder W. W. White to aid the Committee.

On Time, Place and Preachers for next Association—Brethren E. E. Phillips, W. H. Brown and W. P. Barker.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock by Elder W. W. White.

On motion the following order was adopted: Meet each day during the session at 9 o'clock a. m., spend half an hour in devotional exercises, adjourn at 11 a. m., meet at 1 o'clock p. m. and adjourn at will. On motion the Association adjourned to time specified. Prayer by Elder J. M. Carter.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, Sept. 13, 1889.

The Association met at 9 o'clock and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. F. Fletcher, and came to order for business at 9:30. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved and the roll of delegates called and corrected.

Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention, was introduced and invited to a seat in the Association. Statistics of Jefferson and Buffalo Churches were furnished and read.

The Moderator appointed Brethren W. H. Brown, E. E. Phillips and J. C. Jones a committee to nominate an Executive Committee.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder D. W. Thomasson, and discussed by Elders Thomasson and Durham, and at this stage of the discussion it was observed that Elders F. M. Jordan, J. K. Conly, J. A. Speight, representative of the *Biblical Recorder*, J. C. Stowell, representative of the Home Mission Board, and Bro. J. W. Oliver, representative of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., were present who were introduced and invited to seats in the

Association. The discussion of Foreign Missions was continued, Elders Conly and Jordan participating. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptists, located at Richmond, Va., has charge of Missions in Foreign lands. The Board has Missionaries in China, Italy, Mexico, South America, Africa, and has recently taken up the work in Japan. It is the object of this Board to give the Gospel to the perishing millions in heathen lands.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention it was resolved to undertake to raise $150,000 for this Conventional year. The Baptist of North Carolina are expected to raise not less than $10,000 of this amount. We suggest that the churches composing this Association take as much as one collection during the year for this work. God has greatly honored us by calling so many of our best men and women into the foreign work. There are now on the field and under appointment, 30 Missionaries from North Carolina Baptist. Shall we not come to the support of our own brethren and sisters? The Board has now employed about 150 laborers with a membership of 1471. Taking three of these missions as a basis for calculation, the South American, African and China, we find from statistical reports that they averaged last year more than $25 in their contributions per member. This ought to shame some of us.

Our people need information with reference to this department of our work. We suggest as the best means of getting this information that our people take the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published by the Board at Richmond, Va., for 25 cents to clubs of four or more subscribers sent to one address. Respectfully,

D. W. THOMASSON.

The Association took a recess for an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came to order at 1 o'clock p. m. The reports of State Missions and of the Executive Committee were read by the Moderator, Elder T. M. Duncan occupying the Chair, and pending their adoption the following Brethren discussed the merits of this department of our work, viz.: Elders C. Durham and F. M. Jordan, and Bro. Durham asked that the brethren from the different churches indicate the amounts that they would try to raise for State Missions during the coming year, and they responded as follows, viz.:

Apple Grove, $10; Bethel, $10; Bristol, $5; Buffalo, $5; Friendship, $5; Healing Springs, $5; Jefferson, $10; Landmark, $5; Liberty, $5; New Hope, $20; Pleasant Home, $10; Sparta, $10; Forest Home, $20; William Barker, $1. Total, $121.

A cash collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $3.31. The reports were adopted thus:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In point of importance, in this field especially, your Committee

regards this work first. Its greatest work perhaps is its plan, of those more favored in means and with a willingness to give, in supplying the destitute sections of our whole State, and helping those who are not in point of fact willing or able to help themselves. Without it, our people could never go forward as we are going—could never know each other as we do—could never lend that aid that we are lending—could never be the strong, organized, determined phalanx of workers for good that we are all over the State. Without this work we would be weak and divided; with it we are strong and united. We by no means underrate the great work being done by our local pastors, but by the aid of our State Mission work the local work is greatly aided and advanced by the exchange of ideas and co-operation—without it our power for good, as a denomination, would be very much impaired; nay, it would be paralized.

The history of our Church, not only in this State, but in our sister States, shows that the Church without the State Mission work, is like a body without a head. It is to our Churches, what the State Government is to the counties. It fosters, governs, advises, unites. Without it we would soon feel our own weakness and see our cherished hopes for doing good dwarfed. We do not think that we can over-estimate its power for good. The State Convention at its last meeting decided to raise and expend $12,000 in the work in this State this year.

Some of our own people in this Association are alive to the importance of this work, but as a whole, we do not measure up to the standard that we could or that we ought. It is with pleasure, however, that we note a steady growth in this direction from year to year, and at no great distant day we predict for this body a record for live progressive workers in this field; a body that our brethren of the East and Piedmont region will then be proud of, and they then will be glad that they gave us aid in our present need. Your committee reiterates what the committee said last year—and recommends the appointment of one good working live member from each Church in the Association to aid the State mission work. We ought, and why can we not? Not only become our own supporters at once in this work, but aid in helping to supply other fields as destitute as we were only a few years ago. This work has supplied us for the last two years with the aid and labors of Elders Thomasson and Honeycutt, and for whose efficient work and untiring energy we are much indebted and will ever be grateful.

To this Board calls are coming from all quarters of the State for help—can not this body this year give the State Board a guarantee that its burden will be much lightened here and can we not assure it that it may confidently expect more help from us so it can give its time and attention more to places that have received as yet no aid and that are more destitute than we?

N. H. JONES, }
W. C. FIELDS, } Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We beg to submit our third annual report. We are much gratified at the progress in the mission work in this Association. It is now being recognized and admitted that it is lay-

ing a foundation out of which much good will come at no great distance in the future. The Pioneering is done and if pushed now great results are in sight. The force and effect of it is shown by the opposition it has aroused among those opposed to us. It takes constant discreet work in this field. This kind of work has been done and it would have taken time to do what has been done at whatever period commenced.

So we are decidedly a step forward in the whole field, which we note with much pleasure.

Elder T. M. Honeycutt condemned the work in Alleghany to the end of this quarter, and to our great regret he felt it his duty to move his work to Madison county. His untiring, energetic and persistent work at Liberty and at Trap Hill (in Wilkes county) are especially worthy of much praise. At each of these places, under his wise counsel and his constant attention, are bodies of zealous working organizations the results; bodies that promise much in the future. He did much valuable work at New Hope, Sparta and other points and it is with great pain that we are now forced to note his departure from this field. This field now only needs a wise, bold, discreet and good man as a leader and preacher to fully develop a strength and a following of Christian people of whom we might well be proud.

Elder D. W. Thomasson has spent one-fourth of his time in the work at Jefferson and one-fourth at the Healing Springs and the residue in general mission work in Ashe county. Under his management the house of worship at Jefferson has been painted and dedicated this year and a lot is now secured and the lumber nearly all ready for building the house at the Springs. That the outlook of both these places is bright. There are several places in this county of much destitution and that ought to be occupied regularly and at once; wherewith a proper and a judicious course, strong and live organizations could be effected and good houses of worship built. The same may be said in a general way of Ashe county that was said of the Alleghany field.

A little more energy and aid by all the churches in the Association would be a great incentive to the State Board to continue its aid. We must admit that our people as a whole do not co-operate with and give that encouragement to our State Mission work that they could. We *must* help ourselves *liberally* if we expect liberal aid from abroad. The State Board has been so liberal, now let us deny ourselves a little more, double our efforts in both working and giving and when we truly show ourselves by our works, then we may confidently expect all necessary supplemental aid from the State Board. Let us retain Bro. Thomasson in Ashe and procure a strong good Christian-hearted man in Alleghany to fill Bro. Honeycutt's place.

Being profoundly grateful for the past aid by the State Board, let us by our own work merit a continuance of that aid.

J. ELLER,
G. H. PHILLIPS,
W. C. FIELDS,
} Executive Com.

On motion, the report on Home Missions was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow, and report on Education at 11 a. m.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

Received for Foreign Missions from Forest Home Church, $1.33. Received for Baptist Orphanage from Apple Grove Church, $1.00; from Rye Cove Church, $1.65. Total for Orphanage, $2.65. Received for minute fund, $23.18. Total amount received, $27.16.

The report was received and the committee discharged. The Committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Elder C. Durham, and at 2 p. m. by Elder J. C. Stowell.

On motion, adjourned to time of meeting on to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder C. Durham.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Sept. 14, 1889.

The Association met at 9 o'clock and engaged in devotional exercises for thirty minutes, conducted by Elder E. W. Reedy, and at half past 9 o'clock came to order.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The committee appointed to nominate an Executive Committee recommended the names of Brethren James Eller, W. C. Fields and G. H. Phillips, the former committee, and they were elected as such by the Association for the next year.

Bro. C Blevins from the New River Association was recognized and invited to a seat.

The report on Temperance was read, and remarks were submitted by Elders F. M. Jordan, J. K. Conly and W. W. White, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Among all the evils of our land the use of strong drink is the worst. Its influence is leading more souls to hell than any other evil in the world. It is said that the use of strong drink destroys one million souls annually.

Your committee earnestly ask our ministers and lay brethren to totally abstain from the use of strong drink in any way, except in sickness, as we are commanded to "touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing;" and we advise our churches to withdraw from any member who makes, sells, or dram drinks,—as the Bible teaches us to withdraw from every brother that walks disorderly.

C. T. SWIFT,
J. W. DILLARD, } Committee.

The report on Home Missions was read, and Elder J. C. Stowell was present to represent this department of our work, and explained its objects, its needs, and its territory in a good speech of some length, and the report was adopted thus:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

By Home Missions is meant the destitution which the Home

Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is endeavoring to occupy and supply with the Gospel, embracing the work in Cuba and fifteen of the Southern and Central States and the Indian Territory.

We feel profoundly thankful to God for the great work which has already been accomplished by this means, and especially should we rejoice in the success of the past year. The number of missionaries having been increased from 283 to 325, and that not a single death has occurred among them during the past year. That the work in Cuba is progressing, and since the purchase of a house of worship in Havana, the people have confidence in the stability and permanency of our work there.

Twenty Missionaries have labored in Cuba during the last year. The remarkable progress of the work in this Island is unabated, and persistent and devoted work by our denomination will soon control the religious opinions of its greatest city, and by and by possess the whole Island.

Forty-one Missionaries have labored among the colored people of the South, and their labors have been greatly blessed. 255 Missionaries have labored among native white people, with gratifying success. 12 Missionaries have labored among foreign population of the States.

These need to be increased twenty fold, if we would Christianize the foreign element of our territory. The work of the Board is increasing year by year, and we, as an Association, form a small part of the people who are to accomplish a great work in this great field. And it becomes us to be alive to this department of our work. Then for our counties' sake, for the sake of humanity, and for the sake of the world's redemption, let us do what we can to christianize the people in this territory, for the neglect of this may result in a foreignized condition of us all. We recommend that the Clerk of each and every church in this Association be appointed a committee to collect funds for, and co-operate with this Board for the next year. We also recommend, and urge the importance of our people taking the *Home Field*, an eight-page monthly paper; price 25 cts. per year—published by the Board at Atlanta, Ga.—and become informed of this work and its needs. Submitted by

H. A. ELLER,
J. M. CARTER, } Committee.

On motion, the order of business to adjourn at 11 a. m. was suspended. The audience stood and sang "Jesus lover of my soul."

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. J. Eller, and Bro. J. W. Oliver and Elder C. Durham gave us the history of the rise and progress of this institution. $12.05 was contributed for the orphans now at this institution. The Association took a recess of an hour pending the adoption of this report.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock the Association came to order with Elder

D. W. Thomasson in the Chair, at the request of the Moderator, who could not remain longer.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was adopted in the following language:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

About four years ago the Orphan Asylum was founded at Thomasville, N. C., under the management of Bro. J. H. Mills, Superintendent. Many of our Brethren thought we could not build, equip and support such an institution. These brethren are now, many of them, its warmest friends. The Orphanage has grown in the hearts of our brethren, and we now have a tract of land of about 300 acres. Several buildings are already completed and occupied by more than 100 happy children, who are being fed, clothed and taught the rudiments of an education, and what is more, many of the useful avocations of life.

It has a printing press, operated by the children, and a splendid little paper issues from their own hands, called *Charity and Children*, which is a perfect gem. These children are supported, clothed and taught by the gifts of benevolent, warm-hearted Baptist. Your committee begs the churches of this Association to contribute of their means to the support of these children.

We should feel profoundly thankful to God that he put it into the hearts of the Baptist to care for the children who are orphans in North Carolina.

Any one who will contribute $1.00 to the orphans will get *Charity and Children* free of charge for one year.

Very Respectfully, J. ELLER.

The report on Colportage was read by E. E. Phillips, and remarks by Elders White, Fletcher and Reedy, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

We, your committee on Colportage, do make the following report: We have procured the services of Elder W. W. White, who has been traveling in the bounds of this Association since the first of January last, and we think he is doing a good work, and we urge the churches in the bounds of this Association to patronize him and sustain him in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BROWN,
E. E. PHILLIPS, } Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Elder E. W. Reedy, and discussed by Elder C. Durham, and adopted to be more fully discussed on to-morrow morning.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the nursery of the Church—a feature of the Church work—in which the fundamental principles of the religion of Christ can be most successfully taught, to both young and old. It is making rapid progress in the world because it is founded upon the Scripture.

It is therefore the duty of all Christians to heartily and faith-

fully engage in this branch of the work of God's children to help bring the Kingdom of God upon earth. Therefore we ask the churches in this Association to make great effort to run evergreen Sunday Schools.

E. W. REEDY, W. W. HUDLER, } Committee.

The report on Digest of Church Letters was read by Elder T. M. Duncan, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

By an examinaion of the letters from the different churches, your committee submits the following as a report: Received by Baptism, 77; by letter, 29; by application, 2; restored, 4; dismissed by letter, 25; excluded, 15; deceased, 4. Total membership, 734. Net gain, 64.

As to the contributions of the churches, we note with pleasure that some of the churches have increased their contributions to some objects, and that some have contributed something to all the departments of our work, and we feel encouraged that these churches will continue to increase, and that their examples may stimulate and lead others to do more in the general work of our denomination. We note with pleasure that there has been some increase in most all the churches since last year. We are pleased at the increase of Sunday School work, but regret to note that even some of our churches have reported no Sunday Schools. We hope that this state of things will cease to exist and that flourishing Sunday Schools will be reported at our next meeting from all our churches. Finally we believe that there has been an increase in all the departments of our general work. While the aggregate of our work this year is $109.24 less than last year's work, yet we note that more has been paid to the work proper than last year, and less has been paid for building houses, &c. Submitted,

T. M. DUNCAN, G. W. BURKETT, } Committee.

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations was read by Elder W. W. White, and discussed by Elders White, Fletcher and Speight, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

Your committee regrets that our churches do not support their Pastors sufficiently to enable them to give themselves to the study of the word of God, which they should do, to preach the Gospel in its purity. We also believe that Pastors fail upon their part, to teach their churches their duty, upon the subject of giving to the support of the Gospel, at home and abroad.

W. W. WHITE, S. A. CAMPBELL, } Committee.

The report on Education was read by Bro. M. F. Carter, and discussed by Elders Fletcher, Durham and Speight, and adopted thus:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The importance of Education has been argued from time to

time, and it is an established fact that those who will not accept it must be left behind in the great progress and improvement of the rising generation. The time has come that schools of higher grades are placed in our reach and bounds. We would recommend that the youths of our land consider the necessity of a good education. The parent who withholds the great benefit of educating his children, or the Community, Church or State, cannot be guiltless before God. We can see the sad disadvantages, in many instances, of our sons and daughters who have not been educated as they should have been. We should consider it a sacred and solemn duty to give our children a moral and intellectual education. It is high time that the Church awake to its duty of training the youths of the land, so far as is necessary, that it should do; that the minds of the rising generation may be cultivated better and so prepare them to enter upon the great broad fields of labor in the moral vineyard.

We entreat our brethren to lay hold of this great work with prayerful vigor; and spare no pains to make our public schools more efficient and give cheerfully our money, our prayers, our boys and girls to build up our own schools. There are several Colleges and Academies already built, and as time moves, more will be built, where a respectable education can be obtained and where all the youths will do well to enter. Wake Forest College and Moravian Falls Academy are good places for obtaining a good education, and we would all do well to patronize them. Submitted by

M. F. CARTER.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on Time, Place and Preaches for next Association:

Time.—Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1890. Elder J. F. Fletcher to preach the Annual Sermon, and Elder Elihu Tucker, Alternate.

The place of meeting was referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to enquire and name a place hereafter, before these proceedings are printed, and report to the clerk the place of holding the meeting. So the report was disposed of.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching for to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. by Elder J. A. Speight, and at 2 o'clock p. m. by Elder W. W. White.

Brethren D. W. Thomasson, J. Eller, and W. C. Fields were elected delegates to the State Convention, and Elders T. M. Duncan, J. F. Fletcher and E. W. Reedy, Alternates; and W. C. Fields was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Elder D. W. Thomasson, Alternate.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of minutes printed and distributed to the churches as the money in his hands will pay for,—after retaining $5 for his services.

The following Resolution of Thanks was offered by Bro. J. Eller and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are

hereby tendered to the Brethren and Friends of this Church and vicinity for their hospitality to us during this session.

On motion this Association adjourned to time before named, the place being not yet decided upon.

Hymn, "How firm a foundation."

Prayer by Elder C. Durham.

Benediction by Elder J. A. Speight.

W. C. FIELDS, MODERATOR.

H. A. ELLER, CLERK AND TREASURER.

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES.

At 9:30 a. m. the brethren met in Sunday School Convention. Bro. James Eller was chosen President.

The report on Sunday Schools was the special order of the day and the subject considered, and Brethren Duncan, Hurley and Fletcher made short speeches, and Elder J. A. Speight made a very interesting speech of 30 minutes' length to the delight of the large audience present.

The audience united in singing a beautiful hymn and united in prayer with Elder Elihu Tucker.

The Sunday School Convention was declared adjourned by the President, and at 11 o'clock Elder J. A. Speight preached to a very large and well ordered concourse of people from Joshua, V Chap. and 13-14 verses. The speaker labored under the embarrassment of having to stand in the door of the house and preach to many people on their feet, but the sermon was a good one and the effect perceptible. Several rose for prayer.

A collection was taken for the Colportage work on this field and $2.54 was collected and turned over to Elder W. W. White, who is engaged in this work.

Elder W. W. White preached in the evening. His sermon was warm and the brethren and sisters had a good time of rejoicing.

Thus passed the third session of the Ashe and Alleghany Association. How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in love. May this ever be our lot.

H. A. ELLER, CLERK.

LIST OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

During the session the Moderator furnished and appointed the following list of Standing Committees, to prepare reports for next session:

1. *On Foreign Missions*—T. M. Duncan, N. H. Jones and H. A. Eller.
2. *On State Missions*—James Eller and J. W. Tucker.
3. *On Home Missions*—J. F. Fletcher and E. E. Phillips.
4. *On Education*—D. W. Thomasson and W. H. Brown.
5. *On Periodicals*—Allan Jones and D. M. Stamper.
6. *On Temperance*—E. L. Tucker and J. C. Jones.
7. *On Baptist Orphanage*—R. L. Shoaf and J. Riddle.
8. *On Sunday Schools*—E. W. Reedy and S. A. Campbell.
9. *On Digest of Church Letters*—J. M. Carter and A. P. Howel.
10. *On Colportage*—S. Blackburn and W. J. Harp.
11. *On Pastoral and Church Relations*—Elihu Tucker, G. W. Burkett and C. T. Swift.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As Treasurer of the Ashe and Alleghany Association, I submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements for the year 1889:

Received cash for Foreign Missions	$ 1.33
" " " Orphanage	2.65
" " " Minute Fund	23.48
Total amount received	$27.46

Paid cash for Foreign Missions, to C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary	$ 1.33
Paid cash for Orphanage, to J. W. Oliver	2.65
Paid cash to Printers and for Postage, &c.	18.48
Retained cash allowed me for Services	5.00
Total amount expended	$27.46

H. A. ELLER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON PLACE FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

After having consulted with many of the brethren and friends of the church at Jefferson, and considered various other points for the next Session of Association, we believe that it is best to covene with the church at Jefferson; Therefore, as it has been left to us to name the place, we do appoint the next annual meeting of the Ashe and Alleghany Association to convene with the church at Jefferson, Ashe county, N. C., on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1890.

J. ELLER, Chairman.

WORK OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE PAST YEAR.

CHURCHES.	*Time of Meeting.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	CONTRIBUTIONS, &C.							
						Paid Pastors.	Associational Missions.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Education.	Colportage.
Apple Grove	2nd	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C.	J. Grayham	Husk, Ashe Co., N. C.	$ 25 00	$	$	$	$	$1 00	$	$.
Bethel	2nd	Wm. Wilcoxen	Elk X Roads, N. C.	E. E. Phillips	Idlewild, N. C.		2 40						
Bristol	1st	J. M. Carter	Burnice, Ashe Co.	J. J. McLure	Jefferson, N. C.	8 65							
Buffalo	1st	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C.	J. M. McConnell	Beaver Creek, N. C.						1 00		
Forest Home	2nd	J. W. Thomas	Boone, N. C.	H. A. Eller	Berlin, N. C.	70 00	32 89	6 66	1 73	2 83	2 00	75	1 4
Friendship	4th	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C.	J. W. Dillard	Wagoner, N. C.	15 00							
Healing Springs	1st	D. W. Thomasson	Jefferson, N. C.	W. H. Brown	Crumpler, N. C.	15 00		† 5 00					
Jefferson	3rd	D. W. Thomasson	Jefferson, N. C.	Wm. Luther	Jefferson, N. C.	20 00		†11 75	1 00	7 00	1 00		
Landmark	4th	J. F. Fletcher	Silas Creek, N. C.	A. P. Howell	Walnut Hill, N. C.	50 00		† 1 30					
Liberty	3rd	T. M. Honeycutt	Sparta, N. C.	D. M. Stamper	White Head, N. C.	10 00			10 00			26 05	
New Hope	2nd	T. M. Honeycutt	Sparta, N. C.	A. Jones	Prather's Creek, N. C.	40 00			1 00				
Pleasant Home	3rd	Elihu Tucker	Weasel, N. C.	J. B. Stamper	Crumpler, N. C.	29 65		† 5 00					
Rye Cove	3rd	N. Campbell	Mit, Jn'sn Co, Tenn	J. A. Barker	Grayson, N. C.	17 45		† 5 00			1 65		
Sparta	4th	T. M. Honeycutt	Sparta, N. C.	W. C. Fields	Sparta, N. C.	25 00							
						$325 75	$35 29	$34 71	$13 73	$9 83	$5 65	$26 80	$1 4

*Business meeting on Saturday before Sundays of preaching.

†These figures perhaps belong in the column of Associational Missions, but they were thus reported.

STATISTICS OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NEAREST POST OFFICE.	Added by Letter and Application.	Added by Baptism.	Added by Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Dismissed by Death.	Dismissed by Exclusion.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Apple Grove	Ashe	Weasel, Ashe Co., N. C.	.....	5	1	4	.....	3	37	70	107
Bethel	Ashe	Beaver Creek, N. C.	.....	1	.....	1	2	3	43	63	106
Bristol	Ashe	Jefferson, N. C.	15	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	31	43
Buffalo	Ashe	Beaver Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.	.....	3	.....	3	.....	2	31	67	98
Forest Home	Ashe	Berlin, Ashe Co., N. C.	.....	.....	1	1	1	3	18	20	38
Friendship	Ashe	Jefferson, N. C.	.....	7	1	3	.....	1	13	23	36
Healing Springs	Ashe	Crumpler, Ashe Co., N. C.	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	9	20
Jefferson	Ashe	Jefferson, N. C.	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	6	18
Landmark	Ashe	Silas Creek, N. C.	1	6	.....	4	1	.....	25	40	65
Liberty	Alleghany	White Head, Alleghany Co., N. C.	2	4	.....	2	.....	2	7	12	19
New Hope	Alleghany	Prather's Creek, Alleghany Co., N. C.	1	9	.....	3	.....	.....	21	27	48
Pleasant Home	Ashe	Bristol, Ashe Co., N. C.	7	21	.....	2	.....	2	45	68	113
Rye Cove	Ashe	Mit, Johnson Co., Tenn.	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....	12	15	27
Sparta	Alleghany	Sparta, Alleghany Co., N. C.	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	4	8	12
		Total	31	77	4	27	4	16	291	459	750

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be called "THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION."

II. The object of this Association shall be organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the Gospel in our own bounds and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

III. The members of this body shall be all the Ordained Ministers of the churches composing this Association, and three delegates from each church, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment, and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

IV. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, in such way as the Association may direct; the last two offices may be held by the same brother.

V. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the Association may direct and make a report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IX. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of three brethren, who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of Mission Work.

X. At each Annual Session there shall be appointed committees to make reports during the session on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals, Temperance, Digest of Church Letters, Finance, and Time, Place and Preachers for next Session.

XI. Each Annual Session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII. The Association will not receive nor retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

XIII. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Session.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, except by permission of the body.
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house, or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.
7. Order of Business.

(1.) Introductory Sermom.
(2.) Enrollment of Delegates.
(3.) Election of Officers.
(4.) Reception of New Churches.
(5.) Reading Constitution, Rules of Order, and Abstract of Principles.
(6.) Appointment of Committees.
(7.) Report of Executive Committee.
(8.) Report of Treasurer.
(9.) Reports of Committees.
(10.) Miscellaneous.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testaments—is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine, should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment.

9th. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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THOMASSON, D. W.....Jefferson,.....N. C.
DUNCAN, T. M.....Beaver Creek, Ashe County, N. C.
FLETCHER, J. F.....Silas Creek, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.
BLACKBERN, S.....Walnut Hill, Ashe Co., ...N. C.
TUCKER ELIHU.....Weasel, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.
RIDDLE, J.....Beaver Creek, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.
GLENN, W. H.....Mit, Johnson County, Tennessee.
CARTER, J. M.....Bernice, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.
REEDY, E. W. .....Bernice, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.
CHEEK, F. B.....Whitehead, Alleghany Co.,....N. C.
ROBERTS, CREED.....Berlin, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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ELLER, JAMES.....Berlin, Ashe County,.....N. C.
FIELDS, W. C.....Sparta, Alleghany Co.,..... .....N. C.
PHILLIPS, G. H.....Jefferson,.....N. C.
GRAYBEAL, E. H.....Wheeler, Ashe Co.,.....N. C.
JONES, N. H.....Prather's Creek, Alleghany Co.,...N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

JEFFERSON CHURCH, ASHE COUNTY, N. C., September 18th, 1890.

The Ashe and Alleghany Association of Baptist, convened with Jefferson Baptist Church in its Fourth Annual Meeting, Thursday, September the 18th, A. D., 1890, at Jefferson, Ashe County, N. C.

The Devotional Exercises were introduced by singing, and Elder D. J. Harris read Scripture, Gal. vi chapter. Prayer by Elder J. F. Fletcher.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. F. Fletcher. Text: Gal. 6th chapt., 7th verse, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked," &c. Prayer by Elder D. J. Harris.

The Association took a recess of an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half-past 1 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder K. Thompson. Letters from the different Churches were presented and read, and a roll of delegates made :

APPLE GROVE—S Tucker, A Prewitt, J. Graham and Elihu Tucker.
BAPTIST HOME—L. J. Sturgill, R. Lewis, J. A. Brown.
BETHEL—E. E. Phillips, J. Olliver, J. P. Goodman.
BRISTOL—Levi McLure, W. F. Eller.
BUFFALO—H. A. Campbell, T. F. Ray, Jordan Hodgson, T. M. Duncan.
BRUSHY FORK—Lamden Snider, Joseph Powell.
FOREST HOME—J. Eller, D. Hay, H. A. Eller.
FRIENDSHIP—Lonard Howell, Wm. Howell, E. Penington.
HEALING SPRINGS—W. H. Brown, Wells Blevins, J. W. Hudler.
JEFFERSON—Daniel Burkett, W. L. Luther, D. W. Thomasson.
LANDMARK—W. P. Barker, J. F. Fletcher, F. Barber, J. Hurley.
LIBERTY—D. W. Stamper, F. B. Cheek, S. M. Cheek.
LONG BRANCH—John Welch, W. S. Johnson.
NEW HOPE—Allan Jones.
NEW CRANBERRY—J. W. Phowts, J. H. Ellis, P. Haynes.
PLEASANT HOME—M. Davis, J. Blevins, I. M. Carter, H. H. Gawltney.
RYE COVE—J. J. S. Denney.
SPARTA—W. C. Fields.

On motion, the Association proceeded to ballot for officers. Brethren J. Eller and F. B. Cheek being Tellers, who received

the vote and announced as the result: W. C. Fields elected Moderator, and H. A. Eller Clerk and Treasurer, who accepted and proceeded to their respective duties.

An opportunity was offered to newly constituted Churches to unite with this body, and Messengers from Baptist Home, Brushy Fork, Long Branch, and New Cranberry Baptist Churches presented letters asking membership in this Association, which were received by the Association, and the hand of fellowship and welcome was extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

The Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles were read.

Corresponding and Visiting Brethren were recognized, who came forward and received the hand of welcome and took seats with the Association, viz: K. Thompson, from the Yadkin Association; Elder J. L. Sherwood, from the Three Forks Association; Elders, W. C. Parks D. J. Harris, and W. W. Davis, from the New River Association; Elder J. H. Love, from the Watauga Association; Dr. C. E. Taylor, President of Wake Forest College; Elders J. Blevins and J. F. Stanley, from the Mountain Union Association; Elder M. B. Upchurch, from the Holston Association, and Elder W. W. White, from the Brushy Mountain Association.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Delegates of this church with brethren W. H. Gentry and J. Eller.

Finance—John Welch and S. M. Cheek.

To aid in preparing a Report on Digest of Church Letters—W. P. Barker.

Colportage—W. W. White and L. J. Sturgill.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching to-night at half-past seven o'clock, by Elder D. J. Harris, at Bristol School House by Elders W. W. White and D. M. Stamper.

On motion, the Association agreed to meet to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock, and spend half an hour in devotional exercises; adjourn at half-past eleven for preaching; convene at half-past one and adjourn at pleasure. The Moderator appointed Elders W. C. Parks and F. B. Cheek to conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time agreed upon.

Prayer by Elder M. B. Upchurch.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, September 19, 1890.

The Association met at half-past nine o'clock and spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises. Conducted by Elders W. C. Parks and S. B. Cheek.

The Association came to order at 10 o'clock.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

The following Visiting Brethren were recognized and came forward and received the hand of welcome by the Moderator and took seats with the body, viz: Dr. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions of the State Convention; Elder J. A. Speight, Representative of the *Biblical Recorder*, Elder W. F. Bird and brethren J. S. Kilby, E. M. Bowles and W. S. Edwards from the Elkin Association.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by the Committee, and was ably discussed by Elders C. Durham, J. A. Speight and D. J. Harris, and on motion, the Association joined Dr. C. E. Taylor in prayer especially in behalf of the Foreign Mission work. Sang a hymn, and a contribution was given to this object; amount $8.03.

Prayer by Elder W. F. Bird.

The Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This department of our work is entrusted to the Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va.

With the co-operation of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention this Board is doing all in its power to give the Gospel to the perishing millions in heathen lands.

In its last Annual Report the Board said, that "while there had been much to try its faith, there had been more to vindicate its unshaken trust in the Divine promise, "And lo, I am with you always"

The policy of the Board is and has been to increase our working force as fast as possible, but to go only so far in advance of the churches as not to shock, but to train and stimulate them. During the last twenty months preceding the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, forty persons were sent to the foreign fields; of this number eleven have gone to Mexico, three have gone to Brazil, five to Africa, seventeen to China and four have gone to open the new mission in Japan. It is well known that the work of Foreign Missions presents many difficulties, to overcome which requires Prayer, consecrated effort, time, men and money. But there is much to encourage us The unfailing promises of God are sufficient to prompt us to the work in the face of all difficulties. The success of Missionary enterprise during the last century is sufficient to demonstrate to all that it is owned and approved of God. In what has already been accomplished we may see the promise of what is to follow. The opening of new fields and the giving way of the powers

of heathenism to the reception of the Gospel, together with consecrated men, willing and anxious to go, should be abundant proof to us that God is leading, and that the time is here for united effort. We should not fail to notice the fact that the native churches in heathen lands contributed last year at the rate of $2 per member, which is twenty times as much as the average annual offering for Foreign Missions per member of our Southern Baptist Churches. How can we, as Baptists, living in this Gospel land, with an open Bible, and all the lights of the closing decade of the Nineteenth Century, quiet our consciences in this attitude of indifference to this duty? We recommend that our people take the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and become better acquainted with this work and its needs, and that we constantly pray God's blessings upon this work, and also give of our means to its support and advancement.

Submitted.

H. A. ELLER,
T. M. DUNCAN, } Com.

The Moderator announced the following Committee, on Time, Place and Preacher for next session:

Brethren J. Eller, Thos. Ray, D. W. Thomasson, F. B. Cheek and D. J. Harris.

The time for preaching having arrived the Association suspended business till half-past one o'clock. The congregation sang a hymn, and was entertained and edified by an able sermon by Dr. C. E. Taylor; Text: I John, IIc. and 1st verse.

Prayer by Dr. Durham; benediction by Dr. Taylor.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association resumed business at half-past one o'clock.

On motion the time of meeting was changed to half-past eight o'clock.

The Report on State Missions was called, and on motion, made the special order for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. In the absence of the original Committee, Elder Elihu Tucker and brother H. H. Gawltney were appointed to prepare a report on Baptist Orphanage; also brother J. S. Kilby and Elder J. H. Love to prepare a report on Temperance. In the absence of a Report on Periodicals, Elder J. A. Speight submitted one on this subject which was accepted as a substitute, and was spoken to by Elders Speight, Thompson, Durham, Fletcher and brother J. Eller. The Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee would urge our people to read more, in order that they may be better fitted to appreciate what the Lord's people are doing. We urge them to take the *Biblical Recorder* which is the organ of the Baptist Church of North Carolina. It is sound in doc-

trine and progressive in spirit, and is freighted with facts calculated to stir our people and bring them into sympathy with the work of the age. We commend the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Charity and Children* and *Kind Words Series*.

Respectfully submitted. ALLAN JONES, D. M. STAMPER, } Com.

The Moderator appointed Elder F. B. Cheek and brother W. P. Barker to prepare a Report on Sunday Schools, to be read on to-morrow.

The Report on Education was read by Elder D. W. Thomasson and made the special order for to-night at half-past seven o'clock. The Report on Home Missions was read by Elder J. F. Fletcher, and discussed and explained by Elders J. L. Sherwood and Dr. Durham, and adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

In reading to the Association the Fourth Annual Report on Home Missions, we, your Committee, are glad to be able to report an increase of work done and funds received by the Board for its general purposes. Following is an abridged summary of the past year: There has been 350 missionaries employed in 15 Southern and central States and the Indian Territory, which report 38,741 sermons and addresses delivered; 267 churches organized, with 8,098 additions; and the work in Cuba, which also comes under the control of this Board, is making noble progress. We have 21 missionaries on this Island and a total membership of more than 1,700; and in reference to the work in Cuba, we, your Committee, would say, in the language of another, "we must keep pace with the demands of this work which has received much evidence of Divine favor, until Cuba shall acknowledge Mesiah's Sway."

We would emphasize the fact, brethren, that this is *our work*, and that we are under as many obligations to help in this work, in keeping with our ability, as any other people upon the face of the earth. We recommend that the Pastors of the churches composing this Association lay this work before their churches and explain to them its objects and needs. We also recommend that our people take the *Home Field*, an eight-page monthly paper, published by the Board at Atlanta, Ga., price, 25 cents per year, and inform themselves more perfectly concerning this work.

Submitted. J. F. FLETCHER, E. E. PHILLIPS, } Com.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

Received for Ministers' Relief Fund, $1.11; State Missions, $15.73; Home Missions, $2.50; Foreign Missions, $3.55; Baptist Orphanage, $5.75; Ministerial Education, $1.50; Colportage, $0.50; Minute Fund, $23.00. Total received, $53.64.

JOHN WELCH, S. M. CHEEK, } Com.

[NOTE.—This report does not include all that has been paid during the year. Some churches have contributed and sent it to the Treasurer, at Raleigh, N. C.]

The Repert on Pastoral and Church Relations was submitted by Elder Elihu Tucker, and adopted, without being discussed, as follows:

PASTORAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

Your Committee regrets that our churches cannot and do not support their Pastors sufficiently to enable them to study to show themselves workmen approved of God that need not be ashamed. We therefore recommend that we have a better system of paying our pastors, for the workman is worthy of his hire. Therefore, we recommend that Deacons of the churches look after the financial affairs of the churches more strictly.

Submitted. ELIHU TUCKER, G. W. BURKETT, } Com.

On motion, adjourned till half-past seven to-night.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced preaching here to-night. Benediction by Dr. Durham.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association met at half-past seven o'clock. The Report on Education was re-read and discussed by Dr. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest College, the Moderator and Dr. Durham. The Report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The object of education is to aid, mold, cultivate and enlarge all the better gifts, and perfect all possibilities in men. The growing necessities of the times demand education. We must educate to keep abreast of the times. Especially is this true with reference to ministerial education. We need men in our pulpits who can use the best thoughts of a thinking age; men who think connectedly, thoroughly, and exhaustively; men who know the best uses of thought, and who will not cring to the demands of liberalism, or quail before the dictation of prejudice. The age calls for some such men as these. Christianity must keep ahead in the employment and appropriation of truth. Your Committee desire, in this connection, to call attention to Wake Forest College, which is doing much in this direction. The College has undertaken to educate young men called of God into the Gospel Ministry and approved of the churches. Quite a number of such men are assisted annually. Your Committee knows of no college at which young men may acquire more thorough training. The College is well endowed and with an able faculty offers inducements to young men seeking an education, seldom found.

Your Committee would also call especial attention to the S. B. Theological Seminary, located at Louisville, Ky., where ministers have special instruction in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

We would not forget to call attention to the higher education for females. It is gratifying to notice that our denomination is in the front rank in this good work. There are quite a number of Colleges in the State for the higher education of young ladies, and the

denomination is seeking to establish a Female College at Raleigh, which is to be equal to the best anywhere. Much has been accomplished in the past in the education of our people, but much remains to be done, and we should strive to utilize advantages already gained. We recommend Moravian Falls Academy, under the management of R. L. Patton, and Trap Hill High School, under the management of Prof. Yarboro, as suitable schools to a course in Wake Forest College.

In conclusion, we suggest that steps should be taken looking to the establishment of a High School in this immediate section.

D. W. THOMASSON.

The Association then adjourned till half-past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 20th, 1890.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and engaged in Devotional Exercises thirty minutes, conducted by Elder J. L. Sherwood; prayer by Elder W. W. White.

The Association came to order at half-past nine o'clock. The Minutes of yesterday and last night were read and adopted. The Moderator announced the following Committees to report at the next Session, viz:

Foreign Missions—D. W. Thomasson, H. H. Gwaltney and W. H. Gentry.
Home Missions—T. M. Duncan, Thomas Ray, A. P. Howell.
State Missions—W. P. Barker, E. H. Graybeal, Landen Snider, Sr.
Ministerial Education—J. F. Fletcher, W. H Brown, Wells Blevins.
Baptist Orphanage—I. M. Carter, J. J. McLure, George Burkett.
Periodicals—A. F. Wilcox, Sidney Tucker, S. A. Campbell.
Temperance—J. Eller, J. C. Jones, E. E. Phillips.
Colportage—N. H. Jones, Joseph Cheek, Stephen Hoppers.
Sunday Schools—J. F. Fletcher, Joseph Powell, John Welch, William Miller.

The Chair appointed W. W. White, S. Tucker and F. B. Cheek to nominate an Executive Committee.

The Report on Colportage was submitted by L. J. Sturgill, and discussed by Elders White, Speight, Durham, Upchurch and Thompson. The Report was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Colportage do recommend the churches to continue and patronize the work. We have had the services of Elder W. W. White, traveling in the bounds of this Association for two years, and realize that the Colportage work has had a good effect in connection with his labors as a minister.

Respectfully submitted. L. J. STURGILL.

State Missions was considered in connection with the Report of the Executive Committee, and by request of Elders White, Harris, Fletcher and Thomasson, the Missionaries

explained their different fields of labor in the bounds of this Association and the outlook at each point. Elder J. W. Thomas, from Three Forks Association was recognized and welcomed to a seat. The congregation sang, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," and joined brother J. Eller in prayer, especially for the State Mission work; following which was an able sermon and address combined on the State Mission work, by Dr. Durham, and the pastors and delegates were asked to lay this work fully before their churches and use their influence to aid this work to the extent of their ability during the ensuing year, which they agreed to do, instead of as heretofore pledging certain amounts. A cash collection for this work was taken; amount, $6.08. The Association suspended business and listened to an able sermon from Elder J. A. Speight. Text: Gal. 2nd chapt., 6th verse; Benediction by Dr. Taylor.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half-past two o'clock the Association came to order and spent a short time in prayer with Elder I. W. Thomas.

The Reports on State Missions and of Executive Committee were adopted as follows:

State Missions is the giving of the Gospel to the destitute sections in this State, in every County and neighborhood where the Gospel is not preached, as we hold and believe it. All the preaching that has been done, all that is being done, and all that ever may be done to evangelize the people in this State, either by pastoral work or by our Missionaries, is State Missions work. The State Convention at its last Session, agreed to try to raise and expend for this object the sum of $15,000. Only a part of that sum has been raised. The Convention has now under its employment ninety-five Missionaries; some for all, some for three-fourths and some for one-half of their time. In consequence of which great results have been realized all over the State; but still great destitution in many sections of the State exist, and especially in the counties of Ashe and Alleghany. We have very great reason to feel thankful to God for the success that has attended our efforts; yet much remains to be done. Shall we go forward in this great work? We answer in the affirmative. Then we ought to enlarge our gifts, our prayers, and sympathies to this work, and ask the Lord's guidance and blessings upon it, and give to it our hearty co-operation. Three years ago we had nine churches, now we have eighteen. Then the Convention gave us two Missionaries, now four. Many of these churches are weak and not self-supporting, while there are a few of our churches that have given some aid to this work, we regret to say that our churches as a whole have not given that aid and sympathy to this work that it so justly merits. We need and should have a Missionary pulpit in all our churches. The brethren need to be informed of the plans and modes of the Convention in the Lord's work, and we urge the pastors to more fully lend their aid, their prayers, their sympathies and

hearty co-operation to our Missionaries and their work in this Association. Brethren, we ought to consecrate our lives, our means and our prayers to this object and to the Lord's work in all its departments. We regard State Missions *first* in importance, for if we give the Gospel to our own people then we may hope to see Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Pastoral Support and all our Christian work prosper: therefore let us enlarge our plans and gifts, and do our full duty; then we may hope to receive the reward of our labors and the blessing of God upon his people, and fallen humanity reclaimed and saved from their sins.

Very respectfully, J. ELLER, } Com.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee submit its Fourth Annual Report. The more mission work that is done, and the more that the field is developed the more we feel and recognize the great importance of this branch of our work.

In the Alleghany field, Elder D. J. Harris is preaching at three points, monthly, and has been since May. He is doing good service in the opinion of your Committee, and if he were constantly kept there, that very soon this field would be strengthened by many accessions of members and by a spirit of liberality being developed. Without this work is continuously kept there, what has been done is lost. An important point to be occupied is King's Creek, Elder Harris has been preaching at this point some. In Ashe County, of Elder D. W. Thomasson the same may be said that was said in our last year's report, with this added: The house at the Springs has been completed and the congregation is growing. Good Sunday Schools at Jefferson and the Springs. He is preaching at Beaver Creek and at the South River missions. The outlook at both these points is very hopeful, and we believe at no distant day will be strong Baptist communities. The citizenship is good in these sections. Elder W. W. White is on the North River mission, and has operated in new and unoccupied territory in the north-western part of Ashe county, and has done much valuable work, has torn down the strong holds of intemperance at one point and established a church thereupon. He has organized three churches—one at Long Branch, with 12 members; one at Roundabout, with 20 members; and one at Brushy Fork, with 20 members. These churches are in valuable territory and promise to be strong bodies. We think this a decided step forward in the right direction. Your Committee add that Elder Thomasson very much aided brother White in this work. Elder White has baptized 24 on his mission during the year. Elder J. F. Fletcher has been occupying these points along the Ashe and Alleghany County line. He has organized one church at an important point and the brethren are well on the way in building a good house. We believe he is doing good work and ought to be continued in this work. There is much more territory in these two counties that could be occupied to great advantage and that ought to be. There is enough material in these two counties for thirty strong churches, and the material is Baptist material, and the opportunity is only wanting to make this one of the strongest Associations in the

West. The State Board has done *much* for us brethren; it has supplied us with four missionaries, in the main, the last year, and but for the aid of this Board many of our churches would be without preaching much of the time. We ought to study this feature of our work much closer than we do, and show our appreciation for its aid by our own action.

JAMES ELLER,
W. C. SHIELDS, } Com.
G. H. PHILLIPS,

The Association suspended business at half-past two o'clock to hear a sermon by Elder M. B. Upchurch. Nehemiah, 4–6.

The Association came to order at the close of the sermon.

The Report on Digest of Church Letters was read and adopted as follows:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

We, your Committee, submit the following Report:

Received by Baptism, 49; Received by Letter, 33; by Application, 5; Restored, 5; Dismissed by letter, 39; excluded, 15; Deceased, 9. Total membership, 834. Net gain, 100.

As to the Contributions of the churches, we notice that some of the churches have increased in their contributions to some of our objects, and some of our churches have contributed to all of our work; while some of the churches seem to be standing still or rather decreasing, this ought not to be the case.

The Sunday School work stands at about the same as last year. We are sorry to say that about only seven churches have had Sunday Schools. We hope that this state of things will cease to exist, and that all of our churches may be able to send up a favorable report on this work next year. We feel assured that there has been an increase in our general work. The aggregate of our financial work this year is $286.80 more than last year, as there has been more paid on church building.

I. M. CARTER,
P. BARKER, } Com.

Brother J. D. Sturgill, from Mountain Union Association, accepted a seat in the Association.

On motion, the Association by a two-third's vote of members present, ordered that the Ninth Article of the Constitution be amended so as to allow five members in the Executive Committee instead of three. The Nominating Committee recommended the following names for Executive Committee: James Eller, W. C. Fields, G. H. Phillips, E. H. Graybeal, N. H. Jones, who were elected.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted, to be discussed to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock in Sunday School Mass Meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee submit the following: That of 18 churches only 7 have Sunday Schools, with an average attendance of 48 with gratifying success, that 4 of the remaining 11 are newly constituted, that 3 of the remaining 7 cannot possibly run Schools. Your Committee would recommend those churches that run schools last year to reorganize and continue constantly in the work.

Submitted. F. B. CHEEK, W. P. BARKER. } Com.

The Committee on *Time*, *Place* and *Preacher* for next Session submitted the following report: Time, on Thursday at 11 o'clock, A. M., before the third Sunday in September, A. D., 1891. Preacher, Elder D. W. Thomasson; alternate, Elder F. B. Cheek. It was thought best by some of the Committee and brethren to defer naming the place for the present, and the Chairman of the Executive Committee was authorized to name the place, after having become informed of the conditions at various points, and make report to the Clerk in time, if possible, to insert in the minutes.

The Report on Temperance was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is said that one million souls are destroyed annually by strong drink, and we, as a denomination, should take decisive steps against this demon.

The Bible says: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The churches of the great Baptist denomination cannot afford to allow their members to make, buy and sell, or use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and your Committee would advise strict discipline in such cases.

Parents: Talk Temperance to your children.

Pastors: Preach Temperance more to your churches.

Respectfully submitted. J. H. LOVE, J. S. KILBY, } Com.

On motion, it was agreed that this Association express a willingness to open Correspondence with the Primitive and Union Baptists in the bounds of this Association.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to expend the funds in his hands for printing and distributing the Minutes of this Session, after retaining $5.00 for his services.

The following Report on Baptist Orphanage was read and discussed by Elder I. W. Thomas and others, and adopted as follows: [Not just in this connection but not far from it.]

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee on *Baptist Orphanage* would again call attention to this God-like institution, located at Thomasville, N. C., which now has the care of about 127 orphan children, who are fed, clothed and

educated by the charities of the Baptists of North Carolina. It is under the wise and efficient management of brother J. H. Mills, whose heart and sympathies are large enough to encompass them all and as many more. Brethren, this work deserves our sympathies and aid, for we know not how soon our own children may need the help afforded at this institution. We recommend that we subscribe for and take the paper of this institution, viz: *Charity and Children*, published weekly by the orphans, mainly themselves, price $1.00 per year. The money thus raised by the paper goes directly to the support of the orphans, and in this way we can easily help this worthy work without loss to ourselves.

Submitted by J. F. FLETCHER, ELIHU TUCKER, } Com.

On motion, the Chair was vested with power to appoint delegates to the State Convention, and also to the Southern Baptist Convention, and the following brethren indicated their intention to go to the State Convention, and were appointed as delegates, viz: Elders F. M. Duncan, J. F. Fletcher, D. W. Thomasson, J. Riddle and brother J. Eller, and to the S. B. Convention, D. W. Thomasson, delegate; J. Eller, alternate.

Preaching to-night by Elder Elihu Tucker.

Sunday School Mass Meeting to-morrow morning at half-past nine o'clock, and at eleven o'clock preaching by Elder J. T. Sherwood, at this place, and Elder I. W. Thomas, ta the Methodist church.

On motion, this body adjourned till time before given, the place yet to be named.

Prayer by Elder Sherwood. Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation," and took the parting hand.

Benediction by Elder Sherwood.

W. C. FIELDS, MODERATOR.

H. A. ELLER, CLERK AND TREASURER.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

At half-past nine o'clock the people assembled in Sunday School Mass Meeting. Elder M. B. Upchurch conducted the opening exercises by reading Scripture and prayer.

The meeting was addressed by Elders Upchurch and Harris in interesting and appropriate speeches. Recess of five minutes. Then Sermon by Elder J. L. Sherwood, from Tim. 4c. 7th and 8th verses. The sermon was strong and we believe, well received; and Elder D. J. Harris preached at the Methodist church to good effect.

Thus passed our Fourth Session, and we have reason to

trust and believe that the work done for the past four years, with prudent and proper efforts in the future, will prove a great blessing to us and to this country. Let us be encouraged to do more in the present year.

H. A. ELLER, CLERK.

P. S.—Collection on Sunday for Orphanage, $6.28. H. A. E.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON PLACE FOR NEXT SESSION.

By order of the Association it becomes my duty to name the place of meeting for the next Session of the Ashe and Alleghany Association, and do now appoint the church at Sparta, Alleghany County, N. C., as the place, others of the Committee concurring with me in this appointment.

JAMES ELLER, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As Treasurer of the Ashe and Alleghany Association, I submit the following Report of my receipts and disbursements:

RECEIVED CASH FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

Ministers' Relief Fund,	$ 1 11
State Mission,	15 73
Home Misions,	2 50
Foreign Missions,	3 55
Baptist Orphanage,	5 75
Ministerial Education,	1 50
Colportage,	50
Minute Fund	23 00
Total received from the Committee,	$53 64

Received by Cash Collection for Foreign Missions,	$8 03	
" " " " " State Missions,	6 08	
" " " " " Baptist Orphanage,	6 28	
Total received from this source,	$20 39	
Total received from all sources,		$75 03

Paid Cash to C. Durham for the different objects,	$45 75
Sent Cash to J. H. Mills for Orphanage,	6 28
Paid Cash for Printing, Mailing, &c.,	18 00
Retained Cash allowed for services,	5 00
Total amount expended,	$75 03

H. A. ELLER, Treasurer.

WORK OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE PAST

CHURCHES.	Time of meeting	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	CONTRIBUTIONS, &C.						
						Paid Pastors.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Colportage.
Apple Grove	2nd	Elihu Tucker	Weasel, Ashe Co., N. C.	A. Prewitt	Weasel, Ashe Co., N. C.	$ 20 20	$ 2 50	$	$	$	$	$
Baptist Home	3rd	W. W. White	Jefferson, N. C.	L. J. Sturgill	Solitude, N. C.							
Bethel	2nd	Wm. Wilcoxson	Elk Cross Roads, N. C.	E. E. Phillips	Idlewild, N. C		6 82		3 35			
Bristol	1st	I. M. Carter	Bernice, N. C.	J. J. McLure	Jefferson, N. C.	12 50						
Buffalo	1st	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, N. C.	H. A. Campbell	Beaver Creek, N. C.	25 00	2 00					1 10
Brushy Fork	2nd	W. W. White	Jefferson, N. C.	Joseph Powell	Wheeler, N. C.							
Forest Home	2nd	T. M. Duncan.	Beaver Creek, N. C.	H. A. Eller	Berlin, N. C.	40 00	20 00	3 35	2 00	2 52	2 52	
Friendship	4th	T. M. Duncan.	Beaver Creek, N. C.	J. W. Dillard	Silas Creek, N. C.	15 00				1 70		
Healing Springs	1st	D. W. Thomasson	Jefferson, N. C.	W. H. Brown	Crumpler, N. C.	20 00	5 00		2 00			
Jefferson	2nd	D. W. Thomasson	Jefferson, N. C.	W. L. Luther	Jefferson, N. C.		10 00		3 00	2 00	5 00	
Landmark	4th	J. F. Fletcher	Silas Creek, N. C.	A. P. Howell	Walnut Hill, N. C.	38 50	5 00	50	1 20	25		
Liberty		D. J. Harris.	Edgewater, Va.	D. M. Stamper	White Head, N. C.	10 00	2 00	50	50	50	50	50
Long Branch	4th	W. W. White	Jefferson, N. C.	John Welch	Ashley, N. C.							
New Hope	1st	D. J. Harris.	Edgewater, Va.	Allan Jones	Prather's Creek, N. C.	20 00		1 00	1 00	1 25		
New Cranberry		J. F. Fletcher.	Silas Creek, N. C.	J. W. Phouts	Not given.							
Pleasant Home	4th	Elihu Tucker	Weasel, N. C	H. H. Gwaltney	Bernice, N. C.	20 55	50		1 10			
Rye Cove	3rd	W. H. Glenn	Grayson, N. C.	A. J. Barker	Grayson, N. C.	6 50						
Sparta	4th	D. J. Harris.	Edgewater, Va.	W. C. Fields	Sparta, N. C.	10 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
						$238 25	$63 82	$6 35	$15 15	$9 22	$8 02	$1 60

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Incidental.	Minute Fund.	Ministers' Relief.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Attendance.	Remarks.
.....	$ 3 00	$	35	Good—reported.
.....	60	.....	.....	.....
.....	2 00	.....	40	.....
50	80	.....	36	.....
.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....
.....	90	.....	.....	.....
00	2 50	1 11	.....	.....
... ..	1 00	.....	.....	.....
00	1 25	.....	65	Expenses $1.62. Papers taken 52.
.....	2 00	.....	80	Expenses $5.00. Papers taken 60.
... ..	1 15	.....	66	Expenses 65c. Library 25 vols.
.....	75	.....	.....	.....
.....	60	.....	.....	.....
.....	1 35	.....	.. ...	.....
... ..	50	.....	.....	.....
.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
.....	50	.....	.....	.....
50	$23 00	$1 11	322	

Statistics of the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

CHURCHES.	Counties.	Nearest Post Office.	Added by Baptism.	Added by letter and Application	Added by Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Dismissed by Death.	Dismissed by Exclusion.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Apple Grove	Ashe	Weasel, Ashe County, N. C.	7	4	.....	.....	2	3	42	70	112
*Baptist Home	Ashe	Solitude, Ashe County, N. C	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	13	20
Bethel	Ashe	Idle Wild, Ashe County, N. C.	20	2	.....	4	2	2	55	63	118
Bristol	Ashe	Jefferson, Ashe County, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	11	28	39
Buffalo	Ashe	Beaver Creek, Ashe County, N. C.	5	1	1	4	2	.....	36	65	101
*Brushy Fork	Ashe	Wheeler, Ashe County, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	12	20
Forest Home	Ashe	Berlin, Ashe County, N. C.	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	19	20	39
Friendship	Ashe	Jefferson, Ashe County, N. C.	.....	.....	2	6	.....	1	10	23	33
Healing Springs	Ashe	Crumpler, Ashe County, N. C.	.....	13	.....	2	.....	.....	15	16	31
Jefferson	Ashe	Jefferson, Ashe County, N. C.	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	7	19
Landmark	Ashe	Silas Creek, Ashe County, N. C.	2	7	.....	.....	1	.....	29	44	73
Liberty	Alleghany	White Head, Alleghany County, N. C.	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	8	14
*Long Branch	Ashe	Ashley, Ashe County, N. C.	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	5	12
New Hope	Alleghany	Prather's Creek, Alleghany Co., N. C.	3	2	.....	5	.....	1	20	29	49
*New Cranberry	Alleghany	Not given.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
Pleasant Home	Ashe	Bernice, Ashe County, N. C.	2	.....	.....	16	.....	2	35	60	95
Rye Cove	Ashe	Grayson, Ashe County, N. C	3	2	.....	2	.....	1	15	14	29
Sparta	Alleghany	Sparta, Alleghany County, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	8	12
			47	35	3	41	7	13	331	489	870

*Organized the past year.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

Article I. This body shall be called "The Ashe and Alleghany Association."

II. The object of this Association shall be organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the Gospel in our own bounds and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

III. The members of this body shall be all the Ordained Ministers of the churches composing this Association, and three delegates from each church, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment, and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

IV. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, in such way as the Association may direct; the last two offices may be held by the same brother.

V. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the Association may direct and make a report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IX. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of Mission Work.

X. At each Annual Session there shall be appointed committees to make reports during the session on the following subjects: Foregin Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals, Temperance, Digest of Church Letters, Finance, and Time, Place and Preacher for next Session.

XI. Each Annual Session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII. The Association will not receive nor retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

XIII. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual Session.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, except by permission of the body.
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house, or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.
7. Order of Business.

(1.) Introductory Sermon.
(2.) Enrollment of Delegates.
(3.) Election of Officers.
(4.) Reception of New Churches.
(5.) Reading Constitution, Rules of Order, and Abstract of Principles.
(6.) Appointment of Committees.
(7.) Report of Executive Committee.
(8.) Report of Treasurer.
(9.) Reports of Committees.
(10.) Miscellaneous.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testaments—is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine, should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment.

9th. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Thomasson D.W. Jefferson, N.C.
Duncan L.M. Beaver Creek, Ashe Co, N.C.
Fletcher J. F. Edgewater, Grayson Co. Va.
Blackbern S. Walnut Hill. Ashe Co. N.c.
Tucker Elihu Weasel, Ashe co. N.c.
Riddle J. Beaver creek, Ashe co.N.c.
Glenn W. H. Grayson, Ashe co N.c.
Carter L. M. Bernice, Ashe co.N.c.
Cheek F. B. Whitehead. Alleghany co. NC.
Roberts C. Berlin. Ashe Co. N.c.
Stanley J. F. Clifton, Ashe Co. N.c.
Barker W. S. Silas Creek, Ashe Co. N.c.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Eller James, Berlin, Ashe County N.C.
Fields W.C. Sparta, Alleghany ,, ,,
Phillips G. H. Jefferson, Ashe ,, ,
Graybeal E. H. Wheeler, Ashe ,, ,,
Jones N. H. Prathers creek, Alleghany Co. N.C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Sparta Baptist Church, Alleghany Co. N.C.
Thursday, September, 17 th A. D. 1891.

The Ashe and Alleghany Association of Baptist convened with Sparta Baptist Church in its fifth Annual meeting, at Sparta, Alleghany Co. N. C.

Prayer by Eld. W. W. white. The Annual Sermon was preached by Eld. F. B. C hoek, from Eph. 6 c. 17 verse "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit" joined in prayer by Eld. J. F. Stanley.

The Association took recess till half past one o'clock.

AFTER NOON

At half past one o'clock the Association was called to order by the moderator. Letters from the diferent churches (except Bethel and Pleasant Home) were presented and read, and a list of delegates enrolled as follows:-

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Apple Grove — A. Prewitt, J.J.Bennett, Elihu Tucker.
Baptist Home — E.H.Graybeal, L.J.Sturgill. R.Lewis.
Bethel — J.F.Oliver. Bristol — W.F.Eller.
Buffalo — (no delegate, but a letter.)
Brushy fork — L.C.Snyder, D. martin.
Forest Home — J.Eller, J.F.Stanley, H.A.Eller.
Friendship — Eli Penington. Healing Springs — G.Blevins, J.M. Ballou. Jefferson — D.W.Thomasson, Felix Barr.
Landmark — G.L.Porter, J.Penney, J.F.Fletcher.
Liberty - S.M.Cheek, Stephen Hopers, D.M.Stamper, F.B.Cheek.
Long Branch — C.Roberts. New Hope - A.Jones, N.H.Jones.
New Cranbery — J. H. Ellis. Pleasant Home I. M. Carter (but no letter) Rye Cove — L.C.Barker, C.F.Barker,. Sparta — W.I. Harp, W.B.Harris, W.C.Fields, D,J,Harris, Laurel Springs — J H, Doughton, Clifton — J,Roark, R,R,Elliot, J,E,Elliot, Beaver Creek — T,F,Ray,

On motion the delegates balloted for officers, Elds. Honeycutt and Fletcher being tellers, Who reported unanamously elected, W. C. Fields Moderator,and H. A. Eller Clerk and treasurer, who accepted and proceded to thier respective duties. Letters from the following named churches, recently constituted in the bounds of this Association, were presented and read asking membership in this body (viz) Laurel Springs, Beaver Creek, and Clifton, the first is in Alleghany Co. and the two last in Ashe Co. which were recieved and the hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates, by the moderator. Visiting brethering were recognized and came forward and recieved the hand of welcome, and took seats with the association.

From Elkin Asso. W. J. Combs J. H. Yarboro brethren, J. S. Kilby and J.S.Holbrooks. From the French Broad Association, Elder T,M, Honeycut- Lebanon -A,P, Cole New River Association Brethren, W.G.Young, and I. N. Young, from Brushy mountain Association, Eld W. W. White. The Constitution, Rules of order Abstract of principles were read.

The Chair announced the following committee on religious exercises;

Pastor aud delegates of this church, with brethren J.H.Doughton and T.M.Duncan.

In the absence of the original committee brethern F. B. Cheek and G. L. Porter were appointed to write on periodicals.

On COLPORTAGE:- S. M. Cheek and S. Hoppers to aid bro. N. H. Jones.

On Sunday Schools, W. W. white and E. H. Graybeal to aid Eld. J. F. Fletcher. On motion the regular order was changed, so as to consider the report on Home Mission before the report on Foreign Mission. The report on Home Mission was read by Elder T. M. Duncan. On motion the farther consideration of this report was defered till after the devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

The committee on religious exercises report preaching to-night at the usual hour by Elder T.M.Honeycut, and to-morrow at 11. A.M.,by Elder J.H.Yarboro. On motion adjourned to tomorrow morning at 9. A. M. Prayer by Rev, T.M.Honeycut. Benediction by Rev. J.F.Fletdher.

SECOND DAY,

Friday, Sept. 18. 1891.

The Association met at 9. O'clock and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder I. M. Carter and come to order

at half past nine.

The proceedings of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

The report on Home Missions was re-read and discussed by Elders T.M.Honeycutt, J.H. Yarboro and D .J .Harris, the report was adopted as follows:-

HOME MISSIONS.

During the past conventional year, God greatly blessed the work of the Home Board, and this rich blessing has greatly increased our needs and responsibility. We give again the following summary of the work done during the year ending April 30. 1891.

There has been 406 missionaries employed in 15 Southern and Central States, and Indian Territory, who report 43,453 sermons and addresses delivered, 244. churches organized. 143 houses of worship built, and the work in Cuba, which under the controll of this Board is making progress.

We have 22 missionaries in this Island, and a total membership of more than 1,750, and with reference to the work in Cuba; we would solicit our brethren to keep persevering in the good work of the Master, untill the kingdom of Christ shall have covered the entire Island.

The Baptist State Convention of N.C. is expected to contribute $7,500 to Home Missions this conventional year, and we, the Ashe and Alleghany Association compose a part of that body, and should feel it our indispensible duty to help raise the sum asked or. We recommend that the pastors of our churches lay this matter before their churches. In order to better understand the Home mission work we would recommend to the brethren, and especially to the pastors ," The Home Field", an eight page monthly paper published by the Board at Atlanta Ga. price 25c. per year, that they may keep informed concerning this work.

Submitted, { T.M.Duncan, T.F.Ray, } committee.

A letter from Bethel church was presented and read.

Bro. S. H. Thompson, from the Mountain Association, and Elder I. W. Landreth, from the Mountain Union Association accepted seats as visitors.

The report on Foreign Missions was defered for the present. The report on Baptist Orphanage was read, and spoken to, by brethren Eller, Harris, and Honeycutt, and a contribution was asked, for the support of this Institution, and $ 6.80 was the response.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Your committee regard this Institution as one among the most prominent of all the enterprises fostered by our denomination, and it is not only worthy of our consideration but especially, is worthy of our contributions. The design of this Institution is, to take care of and educate the most delicate children of our State.

There are now about 150 children in the Orphanage under the supervision of Bro. J. H. Mills. These children are clothed, fed and educated, by the free-will offerings of our denomination.

We earnestly recommend that the paper printed at the Orphanage — Charity and Children — be taken and read by all our people.

Price 1$ per year.

The money thus raised goes directly to the support of the Institution.

Submited,

I. M. Carter

The Assotion suspended business at 11., to hear sermon by Eld. J. H. Yarboro, Matt. xx-12., and at the close Eld. C. Durham and bro. Caddell were recognized and invited to seats. Adjourned to 2 o'clock.

AFTER NOON

At 2 o clock the Association resumed business. The report on periodicals was read by Eld. F. B. Cheek, and discussed by brother J. C. Caddell, and Elds. Durham, Thomasson, Honeycutt and

Cheek. The report was adopted.

PERIODICALS

We as your committee would say that we are well pleased with the effort, and success, of the ministers and brethren, in reading and encourageing others to read. It is vary important that we be informed of the work of the Lord's cause, and of his people in the world, and especially in our own State; that we may be brought closer together: that we be "not self-willed. That our prayers be not hindered." Brethren take the, "BIBLICAL RECORDER" as the most efficient means of instruction, and in case you do not feel able to pay, join with one or more of your brethren, and use the paper in common. Let the watch-word be onward and upward

Submitted,

F. B. Cheek,
G. L. Porter } Committee.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. J. Eller, and spoken to by brethren Eller, Doughton, W. G. Young, Durham, and Harris. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a Bible doctrine. One of the Christian graces of a great and holy life. Intemperance is the opposite of Temperance, and should be avoided by the church as well as by all good citizens. The liquor trafic, and the use of intoxicating drink, is in our opinion, beyond all question, one of the most powerful evils to the church, and the conversion of the world, of any one evil with which we have to contend. we would insist upon the members of all our churches, to use every honorable and legitimate means to overcome and suppress the use of intoxicating liquors, and all the evils of intemperance, and to aid in the promotion of true Bible temperance.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Eller.

The chair announced the following committies to report at this session. On time, place and preacher for next session — Brethren J. Eller, A. Jones and E. H. Graybeal. On Finance — N. H. Jones, J. D. Sturgill, J, F. Oliver. On Digest of Church letters — J. F. Stanley, D. M. Stamper, W, B. Harris.

On motion the former Executive committee was re-elected by acclimation.

On motion to-morrow morning at 10 O'clock, was fixed as the time to hear and consider the report of State Missions, and report of Executive Committee.

The committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next session submitted the following report: Thursday, at 11 O'clock A. M., before the 3rd. Sunday in September, 1892. as the time. Bethel Church, Ashe Co. N.C. as the place Elds. D. J. Harris and J.F.Stanley, to preach. The report was adopted with instructions to Executive committee to change time if necessary.

The report on Education was read by Elder J. F. Fletcher, and its consideration defered till after the sermon to night.

The committee on Religious Exercises report preaching to-night by Eld. J. W. Combs. and to-morrow morning by Eld. C. Durham. Prayer by Bro. Caddell. Benediction by Eld. Durham.

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At night, Eld. J. W. Combs preached to a large congregation from the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and after prayer by Eld. Honeycutt, the Asso'n came to order.

The report on Education was re-read and discussed by Eld. Durham, Prof. Yarboro, of Trap Hill Institute; and Bro. J. H. Mills, of Baptist Orphanage The report was adopted, and the Asso. adjourned till to morrow morning at 9 A. M.

EDUCATION.

A man is efficient in any work to the degree that he is qualified for it; hence the necessity of an education.

We hail with joy the great interest that is being manifested upon the part of our people, along this line.

To educate, or not educate is no longer left to our choice. We *must* educate or be left behind; especially is this true of our ministry. We would again bring to your notice, Wake-forest College under the faithful and efficient management of Dr. C. E. Taylor, as an Institution of learning that compares favorably with any like Institution in the land; also we would recommend to your patronage, as preparatory schools to Wake Forest : Moravian Falls and Trap Hill Academies, located in different parts of Wilkes Co. N.C.

We would again call the attention of the Asso. to the propriety of establishing a school of high grade in our own Association.

J. F. Fletcher.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19 th.,1891.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. conducted by Eld. J. F. Fletcher, and came to order for business, at half past 9 o'clock.

The proceeding of yesterday were read and adopted On motion article x of the constitution was amended so as to provide for the appointment of committees to write, on Foreign Missions Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals and Temperance; and report at the subsequent session instead of at the present session.

Brethren C. J. Watkins and A. S. Jones, of the Pilot Mountain Association were recognized and seated with the Asso.

The report on State Missions and the report of Executive Com. were read and considered together. Elds. Thommasson, White, Stanley, Duncan and Harris, made explanation with respect to their several fields of work. Dr. Durham followed with an able address on missions and Baptist progress in N.C. He closed by taking the following pledges from the delegates of the Churches, to be raised and paid to State and Foreign missions during the Ass'on'l year.

	State Missions.	Home Missions.
Apple Grove	$5 00	$5 00.
Baptist Home	4 00	1 00.
Bethel	5 00	5 00.
Bristol	2 50	2 50.
Brushy Fork	5 00	5 00.
Buffalo		
Forest Home.	15 00	5 00.
Friendship	2 50	2 50.
Healing Springs	2 50	2 50.
Jefferson	8 00	4 00.
Landmark	2 50	2 50.
Liberty	5 00	5 00.
Long Branch	2 50	2 50.
New Hope	5 00	5 00.
New Cranbery	2 50	2 50.
Pleasant Home		
Rye Cove	2 50	2 50.
Sparta	15 00	5 00
Beaver Creek	4 00	1 00
Clifton	4 00	1 00
Laurel Springs	5 00	3 00
Totals	97 50	62 50

A cash collection for State and foreign missions was taken Am't. $8 77. The report was adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS

is that department of work in which all the Associations are united to give the gospel to the destitute sections of the State. It is not desired to aid churches that can and aught to support themselves. Its real object is Mission Work – to give the Gospel to the destitute. There are twenty one churches with about nine hundred and fifty members in this association, and all these churches and people given the past year for State Missions, about

fifty Dollars. Is this the best encouragement the churches can give the Board of missions to aid in this work? Have the pastors done their duty in instructing the churches The Board is greatly encouraged; It has this year 118 *missionaries giving the gospel to the destitute sections of the State. By con'vt they have organized about* 50 *new Churches, and baptized over* 1000 *persons, organized over* 100 *new Sunday Schools, and built more than* 50 *Houses of worship. These are, in the main, faithful and self-sacrificing men, and ought to be sustained in their work. What Will the churches of this Association do to encourage the Board to continue its work in this Asso.? Their answer will largely govern the* ACTION OF THE BOARD.

Respectfully Subm'd.

E. H. Graybeal, for Com.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association: - Dear Brethren; Your Committee has to submit as its fifth annual report, the following:— The more mission work that is done, and the more the field is developed, the more we feel and realize the importance of this branch of our work. Eld. D. W. Thommasson has been continued on the Jefferson field. The work on this field is in good condition; while while there is nothing flattering in connection with the work at Jefferson, the out-look is hopeful.

The Healing Spring Church, on this field has become self-supporting and will no longer ask the aid of the board.

At New Cranberry the brethren have commenced work on their Church building, and we think with judicious management the

work will move on successfully.

With reference to the South River Mission, we consider this field promising. One hinderance to the work on this field is a lack of a suitable house in which to hold our services.

At Beaver Creek a church has been organized which now numbers 22 members, and their work may be considered in a hopeful condition Eld. W. W. White has been continued on the North River Mission, and the work at Long Branch is in a hopeful condition: it has made some growth during the year. The work done at Clifton, has resulted in the organization of a church of 21 members, and the work is in good condition, and the outlook very hopeful.

Brushy Fork is one of the most hopeful fields in our work, having now about 46 members; the brethren there are now arrangeing to build a good house of worship. Eld. J. F. Stanley has Supplied the work at Baptist Home, and we think this young church is very promising, it has grown during the year, and is preparing to build a good house in the near future. Obids is a new station and has been supplied by Eld. T. M. Duncan, the outlook at this point is very hopeful, our missionary have organized a good Sunday School of 38 members, at this place.

The Wilderness is considered an encouraging point, it has been cultivated by Eld. T. M. Duncan and he has organized a good Sunday School, and thinks that a good church can be organized here in the near future. Eld. D. J Harris has been continued on the Alleghany field, and is preaching at five points, —to-wit — Sparta, Liberty, New Hope, and Laurel Springs Churches, and King's Creek, a mission Station.

The general out-look on this field is in a more hopeful condition than at any former period, especially at Sparta, Liberty, and Laurel Springs, the latter having been organized during the past year, and promises to become a stroug working church. There is more territory that could be occupied to good advantage, and ought to, to be cultivated. The only thing that is necessary to the proper development of this entire field is earnest and discreet work on the part of all our brethren.

Your committee deplore the fact, that our churches have not taken that deep interest in the support of this work, that it should have.

Respectfully Submited.

J, Eller }
E. H. Graybeal } Executive committee.

The report on foreign mission was read by Eld. D. W. Thomasson and adopted with agreement that we join with other associations,

to the extent of our contributions to Foreign Missions. to the support of Elder G. W. Greene of Canton China. Adjourned to 3 o'clock.

The Foreign Mission work is growing in interest and importance in all the countries occupied by our Board. The work is in a healthy condition, our missionaries are pushing out into new fields, many of which seem to be ready for the harvest; more Godly consecrated men and women are needed to occupy new territory, and gather in the golden sheaves. It is gratifying to know that God has called into this work some of our best men, and that the liberality of our people is on the increase. There is still room for improvement. The field is the world, and our liberality should be commensurate, with the needed enlargement of the work. It is gratifying to know that our people are receiving information about the work, its nature and its needs. The approaching centennial of modern missions affords an opportunity to give a new and powerful impulse to their department of our work, which should be utelized, our forces should be marshaled and inspired for the onward march. Your committee recommend that the suggestion of the general committee, on the centennial of missions, have due consideration, and some arrangements be made with a view to carrying out these suggestions,

The report of the Foreign Mission for the last conventional year showed that since the organization of the convention, in 1845, $1.752.037 had been collected, nearly half of this amount having been contributed during the last ten years; showing the increased interest in the work, $113.522 was received for the work last year being an increase over the previous year. In conclusion, we would recommend to our people the Foreign Mission Journal, published by our Board at Richmond, Va. The Regular price is 50 cents per. year, single copy, and in clubs about half rates.

D. W. Thomasson.

AFTER NOON.

The Association resumed business at 2 o'clock. The chair announced the following committee to prepare and write reports for the next session as follows: Foreign Missions E. E. Philips, W. H. Brown, E. H, Graybeal: Home Missions, J, F. Stanley, J, Sturgill, Joseph Cheek; Ministerial Education D. J, Harris, W, H. Gentry, Allen Jones; Baptist Orphanage, E. Tucker. S. Blackburn, N. H. Jones; Temperance, I. M. Carter, Joseph Dougherty, J. H. Eller; Periodicals. John Welsh, A. F. Wilcox, H. H, Ray; The report on Colportage was read by N. H. Jones and adopted as follows without being discussed:

Colportage. Your committee would say that we had Eld. W. W. White working as colporter, in part of the Association in connection with his mission work, and he has done a great deal of good distributing the Bible and other religious literature. we urge the brethren to contribute more largely, that the good work may go on Respectfully Submitted.

N, H. Jones }
S. Hoppers. }

The following Report on Sunday Schools was adopted without debate.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee submit the following, That of the 21 Churches a large number of them have Sunday Schools, with a fair average attendance, and especially in the North River mission, at those new churches, Baptist Home Brushy Fork and others.

Your committee urge the brethren to continue in the good work. we would farther recommend the brethren to procure their literature at the supply store at Raleigh N.C. Under the care of M.L. Kesler, Secretary of Colportage and Sunday School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee { E. H. Graybeal.
W. W. white.
J. F. Fletcher.

The Committee on Digest of Church Letters submit the following report which was adopted. Rec'd by baptism, 102 rec'd by let'r 20. By Application, 7. Restored 7. Total 145. Dismissed by Letter 21. Excluded 13. Died 7. Total 41. Net increase 104. Total membership 953. One Church we regret to say failed to represent. Many of the churches report thriving Sunday Schools and appear to be in a progressive condition. we note with pleasure that three new churches have been added to our number and that some of our new churches are building good houses of worship while others have made needed repairs.

W. B. Harris,
I. M. Stamper
J. F. Stanley
} Committee.

The following brethren volenteered and was appointed delegates to the State Convention:— W. C. Fields, D. J. Harris, J. Eller, D. W. Thommason, T. M. Duncan, and Elder D. W. Thommason was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Following Resolutitn of thanks were adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of this Association are due, and are hreby tendered to the brethren and friends of this Town and vicinity, for the very kind manner in which they have entertained this Association.

Preaching to night at early candle lighting and tomorrow at 11 O'clock.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the minutes printed and distributed as the money in his hands will pay for, after deducting $ 5 for services.

The following report was submitted by the committee on finance and received

rec'd for	
State Mission	$ 4 07
Baptist Orph'g	1 78
Minutes	23 25
Total	29 10.

On motion adjourned to time and place before named.

Closing prayer by Eld T. M. Honeycut. United in singing "Together let us sweetly live" etc.

Thus passed a very harmonious and pleasant session.

H, A. Eller, Sec. W. C. Fields, Moderator,

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

Sunday morning at 9 O'clock, Bro. Mills, of the Baptist Orphanage, addressed a large assembly of people concerning the workings of that Institution, after which Elder J. H. Yarboro delivered an able sermon.

TREASURERS REPORT.

As treasurer of the Ashe and Alleghany Association, I offered the following report of my receipts and disbursements. Received cash as follows. Viz.

From committee on finance, For State Mission	$4.07
" " " " Baptist Orphanage	1.78
" " " " Minute Fund	23.25
Association cash collection for Baptist Orphanage	6.80
" " " " State & Foreign Mission	8.77
Total am't. Recd.	$44.67

Disbursment as follows:

Sent to treasurer Baptist State Convention, P. O. order for State missions	$ 4 07.
Baptist Orpoanage	1 78.
Paid to J.H.Mills for Orphanage	6 80.
Paid to C.Durham for State & For'n Missions	8 77.
To preparing, printing and mailing minutes	18 25.
Retained cash allowed for services	5 00.
Total am't. expended	$44 67.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be called "The Ashe and Alleghany Association."

II. The object of this Association shall be organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our own bounds and in all the world. and in this work the associ'n will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

III. The members of this body shall be all the ordained ministers of the churches composing this Association, and three delegates from each church, who shal bring a letter certifying their appointment and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

IV. At each annual session of the body there shal be elected a Moderator, a clerk and a Treasurer, in such way as the Association may direct. The last two offices may be held by the same bro.

V. The moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presidigg officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

VII. The treasurer shall have charg of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the association may direct, and make a report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold annual meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IX. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co-opperate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, makeing to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of mission work.

X At each annul sessien there shall be appointed committies to make reports at the subsequent session, on the following subjects, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals and Temperence.

XI Each Annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII The Association will not recieve nor retain in permanant fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in

any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

XII This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any annual session.

RULES OF ORDER

1 Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2 When the Moderator calls the Association to order every member shall at once take his seat.

3 When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed untill he has been recognized.

4 No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, except by permission of the body.

5 No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the moderator.

6 It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up. leave the house, or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.

Order of business.

1 Introductory sermon. 2 Enrollment of delegates. 3 Election of officers. 4 Reception of new churches 5 Reading Constitution, Rules of order, and abstracts of principles, 6 Appointment of committies 7 Report of Executive Committee. 8 Report of Treasurer. 9 Report of committies, 10 miscellaneons,

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and that these three are one.

2ond. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testament—is the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3d. We believe in the impotancy of man and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practised only by believers in their scriptural order.

6th We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptised and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7th We believe in the final perseverence of the saints in Grace to Glory.

(Abstract of principles continued.)

8 we believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General juegment,

9 we believe that the existance of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Added by : Dism'd.

Church	County	Nearest P.O.	Baptism let.&apl	Resto'd by lett'r	Dec'd.	Excl'd.	Males.	Females	Total Membership
Apple Grove	Ashe	Wegsel N.C.	1			3	1	40	68	108
Baptist Home	Ashe	Solitude "	5	3			8	17	25
Bethel	Ashe	Idleğ Wild "					51	53	60	113
Bristol	Ashe	Jefferson "						4	10	25	35
Buffalo	Ashe	Beaver Creek "	3		1	6	1	31	66	97
Brushy Fork	Ashe	Wheeler "	19	6			16	30	46
Beaver Creek	Ashe	Beaver Creek" "	7	1			10	12	22
Clifton *	Ashe	clifton "	18	4			1	†	†	21
Forest Home	Ashe	Berlin "	12	1			22	20	42
Friendship	Ashe	Jefferson "				1	1	9	22	31
Healing Spr.	Ashe	crumpler "	8	2		1	2	18	20	38
Jefferson	Ashe	jefferson "				2	1	12	0	18
Landmark	Ashe	Silas creek "	17	2	5	2	1	40	58	98
Laurel Spr.	Allegheny	Laurel Springs "	Just organized				3	3	6
Liberty	Allegheny	Sparta "					8	11	19
Long Branch	Ashe	Ashely "	5	5		1	12	9	21
New Hope	Allegheny	Prathers creek "	3				2	17	31	48
N - Cranberry	Ashe	Furches "	2				2	†	†	11
Plea's't Home	Ashe	Bernice "	Letter not in				35	60	93
Rye Cove	Ashe	Grayson "	11	2			17	25	42
Sparta	Alleghany	Sparta "	4				†	†	17

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N.C. A. Prewitt	Weasel	C, $9 40								3.00			
" L.J.Sturgill	Solitude	10 20		80						1.00		63	Very good.
" J.E.Goodman	Mettle K	" 11 65								2.00			None.
" E,C.Taylor	Jefferson	" 6 26								.60		50	Good.
" H.A.campbell	Beaver Cre	"								1,50			
" J. Powell	Wheeler	"								1.00		66	quarterlies 12.
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OBITUARY.

David Day professed religion at Forest Home Church at March, 1888, and was baptised April 8, 1888, by the pastor, I, W. Thomas. He was licensed to preach by Forest Home Baptist Church, February 13, 1892. He had been sick with fever about fifteen days prior to his death, He was about 37 years old, he lived a pious and exemplary life from the time of his conversion to the day of his death, and left a wife and seven children to mourn hisloss.

D. J. Harris, Com.

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Blackburn S., Crumpler, Ashe county, N. C.
Tucker Elihu, Weasel Ashe county, N. C.
Harris D. J., Sparta, Alleghany county, N. C.
Riddle J., Beaver Creek, N, C.
Glenn W. H., Grayson, Ashe county, N. C.
Carter I. M., Bernice, Ashe county, N. C.
Cheek F. B., Whitehead, Alleghany county, N. C.
Robert C., Berlin, Ashe county, N. C.
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Graybeal E. H., Wheeler, Ashe county, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Bethel Baptist Church, Ashe County, N. C.,
Thursday, September 15, A. D., 1892.

The Ashe and Alleghany Association of Baptist convened with Bethel Baptist Church in its *sixth* annual meeting on Thursday at 11 o'clock, September the 15, 1892.

The devotional exercises were introduced by Elder D. J. Harris, with reading Scripture from II Tim., 3 and 4 chapters, and led the Association in prayer. The introductory sermon was preached from II Tim. IVC, 6, 7, and 8 verses, by Elder D. J. Harris. Prayer by Elder E. Tucker. The Association took a recess of fifteen minutes.

AFTERNOON.

At half past 1 o'clock the Association came to order and united with Elder J. C. Johnson in prayer. The letters from the different churches were read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

APPLE GROVE—J. W. Tucker. A Prewitt, E. Tucker, J. A Prewett.
BAPTIST HOME—E. H, Graybeal, S. Sturgill.
BETHEL—E. E. Phillips, Wm. Johnson. John Goodman.
BEAVER CREEK —T. F. Ray, J. L. Goodman.
BRISTOL—McLure.
BRUSHY FORK—A. Jennings, W. M. Snyder.
BUFFALO—T. H. Ray, H. A. Campbell, A. A. Taylor.
CLIFTON—J. Roark, R. C. Elliott, J. Dougherty.
FOREST HOME—J. Eller, H, A. Eller J. S. Bare.
FRIENDSHIP—W. L. Little, C. A, Dickson, R. M. Burkett.
LANDMARK—G. L. Porter, W, F. Baker.
LAUREL SPRINGS—Z. T. Bagby, J. H. Doughton.
LIBERTY—J. M. Wagoner, D. M, Stamper.
LONG BRANCH—Wm. Johnson.
HEALING SPRINGS—S. Lunsford, M. Shatley, E. Blevins, T. A Johnson.
JEFFERSON—C. M. Graybeal.
MISSION HOME —Wm. Howell, P. H. Hare, F. Jordan.
NEWHOPE—N. H. Jones.
NEW CRANBERRY—E. Blevins.
NEW RIVER—J. J. Garvy.
OBIDS—Wm. Hartzog.
PLEASANT HOME—M. Davis, J. Blevins.
PEEK VALLEY—J. Robertson.
RYE COVE—N. H. Harris, C. F. Baker, C. C. Davis.
SPARTA—D. J. Harris, W. C. Fields, W. B. Harris.

On motion of the Association re-elected the former officers by aclamation, viz: W. C. Fields, Moderator, H. A. Eller Secretary and Treasurer, who accepted and proceeded to their respective duties.

Letters from newly constituted churches were presented and read, viz: Mission Home, New River, Peek Valley and Obids, and they were received as members of this body.

The constitution, rules of order and abstract of principles were read. The following brethren were appointed to manage the religious exercises during the session: E. H. Graybeal, N. H. Jones, J. Robertson with the delegates of this church.

Various absent committies were supplied by the Moderator with brethren present. The following visiting brethren were recognized and seated, to wit: W. W. White, from the Brushy Mountain Association, W. Bumgarner, Mitchell county Association, N. Williams, Lebanon Association, J. C. Johnson, Threeforks Association.

J. H. Doughton and Z. T. Bagby, were appointed a Committee on Finance.

The committee on religious exercises, reported preaching tonight at this place by Elder J. C. Johnson, and on tomorrow at 11 o'clock A. M., by Elder E. Tucker.

On Time, Place and Preacher for next session, E. E. Phillips, A. Prewitt, D. M Stamper.

On Obituaries. D. J. Harris, W. F. Barker, J. S. Bare.

On motion adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to morrow morning and spend half an hour in devotional exercises, and also the succeeding day. Prayer by W. F. Barker.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 1892.

The Association met at 9 o'clock, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elders, Bare and Barker, and began business at half past 9 o'clock.

The proceedings of yesterday were read. Dr. C. Durham, J. C. Caddell of the Recorder, and Elder E. J.

Edwards, of the Orphanage, were recognized and seated with the Association.

Agreed to consider Home and Foreign Missions together. Dr. Durham gave the Association a strong speech on these subjects, and explained the different features of them.

A letter to this Association from Elder G. W. Greene, of Canton China, was read. The Association united with Bro. J. C. Caddell, in prayer for Bro. Greene and his work, and on motion the Secretary was instructed to publish Bro. Greene's letter in these minutes. A cash contribution was given to Foreign Missions, amount $5 82.

The reports were afterwards adopted as follows:

Report On Home Missions.

Your Committee would say that the Home Mission Board is laboring under very great financial embarrassment; so much so that it has been compelled to reduce its number of Missionaries, from 406 last year to 365 this year. While this is so, the work is growing, and the Board could find work for many more Missionaries, but are compelled to employ workers only as the Churches furnish the means. The work is pressing and the Board is anxious to extend the work as fast as possible. We therefore recommend the Pastors and Churches to aid in this work to the extent of their ability in prayers and contributions for the prosperity of this work

Submitted

J. C. Johnson,)
Com.
C. M. Graybeal,)

Report On Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Mission work is growing in interest and importance in all the counties occupied by our Board. The work is in a healthy condition, our Missionaries are pushing out into new fields, many of which seem to be ready for the harvest. More Godly consecrated men and women are needed to occupy new territory, and gather in the golden harvests. It is gratifying to know that God has called into this work so me of our best men, and that the liberality of our people is on the increase, but there is still room for improvement, the field is the world, and our liberality should be commensurate with the needed enlargement of the work. It is gratifying to know that our people are receiving information about this work, about its nature and its needs. The report of the Foreign Mission Board, for the last conventional year, showed that since the organization of the convention in 1845, there has been collected for this work $1,866,-636,80, and that nearly one half of this amount has been contributed during the last eleven years, showing the increasd interest in the work. $114,322 was received for the work last year, being an increase over the previous year.

In conclusion we would recommend to our people the Foreign Mission Journal published by our board at Richmond, Va., regular price 50 cts. per year, single copy, and in clubs about half rates

Submitted by E. A. G. Graybeal, for Committee.

Letter of Elder G. W. Greene, of China, to the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

Canton, China, July 29, 1892.

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

Dear Brethren. As the time comes around for you to meet at Bethel, I remember the pleasant meetings I have had with you in the past, and my heart goes back across the ten thousand miles that separate us, with desires to be with you. I remember the first time I ever went to Bethel, with "Uncle Jimmie McNiel" of blessed memory, when continued rain prevented the meeting, I remember when the Brushy Mountain Association met at Bethel, and how I sat in the house at a window, carcing for the baby, while Bro. W. A. Pool, at the stand preached one of his greatest sermons. Though the preacher was more than a hundred yards from me, I remember how the sermon again and again moved me to tears. I remember, too, how I have met with the brethren of several of your churches at various other places in the Brushy Mountain Association. Then I was present at the organization of your body at Buffalo, and was heartily abused in certain quarters, for my action in connection with certain decisions. Only once afterwards I was able to attend your Associations, but I have visited a number of your churches, and claim as my personal friends, most of the pastors and many brethren in your churches. Therefore not being able to be present with you in body, I desire to send this word of greeting to you across the SEAS and LANDS. I have greatly rejoiced through these years to hear of your prosperity and to know that the Lord is adding to you from time to time "such as shall be saved," But it seems to you who know the country and its needs that there is still much destitution, and I would not say a word to diminish your appreciation of the needs of the portion of the vineyard the Lord has specially entrusted to you, I would have you put forth something of the strength that God has given you and go up and ocupy the land. But I would have you ALSO remember that there is still GREATER DESTITUTION in the regions beyond. There are men among you (in your country) who undertake to teach the people the right way, and who preach a LITTLE truth and MUCH error, But here in this one city are almost as many people as the whole State of North Carolina contains, and very few of them have heard one word of the gospel, There aresome of you who say that you would rather have your children hunting and fishing on Sunday that going to the Sunday School, and yet the very knowledge that it is Sunday has its influence on them, But here are thousands of people who do not know when Sunday comes, and one Monday morning when several were going to the funeral of a christian woman, people on the street were heard to say: "It is worship day," which is the name they have learned from foreigners, for Sunday. Therefore while you are interested in the work in your own two counties, an interest which I hope will steadily increase, I desire by this letter to ask of you an increase of interest in the work among the HEATHEN. I hope that the work will be more real to you than ever before. Doubtless to many it seems very far off; but by this letter, written right from the very midst of a heathen city, on the borders of a heathen nation numbering five or six times as many people as all the United States. I want to tell you that FOREIGN MISSION IS A REALITY. Here, there are a few chapels where Missionaries and converted Chinese preach for Several hours every day in the week, and where they talk to any who are willing about the gospel and plan of Salvation.

Human nature is much the same everywhere and some will pass by the door without paying any attention to the words spoken within, others enter and listen a little, laugh, and go away, others remain for some time, hear the truth and now and then believe it,

The brethren also make long journeys into the country, and in the towns and villages and tell about Jesus and the great salvation. Last year 120 professed conversion and was baptized in and around this city. The ladies go ont among the women in their homes or wherever they can find them to tell the same blessed story. The women are not allowed to come to the chapel and hear the preaching, for Chinese would think it a scandal for them to be in the company with men, On Sunday the christian women come to the chapel and sit on one side while the men sit on the other with a partitition ten feet high between them. For myself, I am bound down to the study of the language, not yet able to preach. It is HARD to be silent so long when I love to preach the gospel' And in conclusion, I wish to ask ESPECIALLY your EARNEST PRAYERS, that the holy spirit will bless the word spoken, and glorify the Son in the salvation of many sou'ls.

With love to ALL the brethren, yours

G, W· GREENE.

On motion the regular order was suspended and the Report on PERIODCIALS was read and considered.

J, C, Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder in a telling speech represented the merits of our State paper. Dr. Durham also gave us a winning speech, in which he showed the likeness of a christian to the acts of the Apostles. The report was adopted as follows.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We are sorry to see the BIBLICAL RECORDER in so few homes in the bounds of this Association, The Recorder should be in every BAPTIST home in the Association. It is the most available means of informing ourselves as to Baptist doctrines, and the workings of our denomination throughout the State, and the regions beyond. We appreciate the efforts that the Editors are and have been making to place it in the homes of the Baptist of our State. We reccommend that the PASTORS of our Churches take this matter in hand, at once, and thereby assist the editors in putting this important auxiliary in the hands of all our people.

Signed W. W. White for Committee.

Bro, W. B. Clements from the South Yadkin Association was recognized and seated. Also Eld. A. Brown from Three Forks Association. The Association took a recess until 1 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

The Association resumed business at 1 o'clock, The following Committies were announced to report at this session:

DIJEST CHURCH LETTERS—W. B. Harris, J. P. Goodman, W. M. Snyder.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Joseph Dougherty, J. H. Doughton T. A. Johnson.
COLPORTAGE—W. W. White, G. L. Porter, J W Tucker

The report on MINISTERIAL EDUCATION was read, discussed and explained by Brethren J. Eller, J. C. Caddell, Dr. Durham, T. M. Duncan, and A. Brown. The report was adopted as appears below:

This should no longer be a question, since our own experience in this, the nineteenth century, has established the fact, that not to educate is to be left behind in usefulness. We only know what we learn, and we are only efficient to the extent of our knowledge. This is especially true in regard to the Ministry. If we would teach others the way of life, we must first learn it ourselves.

In order to a thorough preparation for this work we would recommend Wake Forest, and Trap Hill, and Moravian Falls Academies, as Institutions, in every way worthy of our patronage and prayers, and we further recommend that this Association consider the propriety of aiding our young Brother W. F. Barker, in securing an Education, that he may more efficiently perform the duties that the Lord lays upon him.

Submitted D J Harris

On motion the Executive Committee was instructed to investigate the case of Bro. W. F. Barker, and make such disposition as the merits of the case may suggest, and as they may think best.

The report on STATE MISSIONS was read, and the brethren who have been doing mission work in this Association, explained their places of interest and the visible results of the work done. Dr. Durham followed with a strong and encouraging speech in State Missions, and the delegates promised to try to raise, in their respective churches, during the year, the following amounts for State Missions:

APPLE GROVE	$ 5.
BAPTIST HOME	$ 5,
BETHEL	$ 5.
BRISTOL	$ 5.
BRUSHY FORK	$ 5.
BUFFALO	$ 5.
FOREST HOME	$15,
FRIENDSHIP	$ 2.50.
HEALING SPRINGS	$ 5.
JEFFERSON	$10.
LANDMARK	$ 5.
LONG BRANCH	$ 5.
NEW HOPE	$ 5.
PLEASANT HOME	$ 2,50.
SPARTA	$20.
MISSION	$ 2.
PEEK VALLEY	$ 2.50.
NEW RIVER	$ 4.
OBIDS	$ 2.50.
BEAVER CREEK	$ 4.
CLIFTON	$ 2,50.
LAUREL SPRINGS	$ 5.
LIBERTY	$ 2.
Total	125.50

The report was adopted as follows:

Report On State Missions.

For more than one hundred years the Baptist have been engaged in State Missions. In this work they have laid the foundation for their present large numbers, and their general prosperity. They have from year to year enlarged this department of work till this year they have one hundred missionaries preaching the gospel in the DESTITUTE sections of the State. These are located in thirty four out of forty associations connected with our Convention, But notwithstanding all that has been done, there are yet ten entire counties, according to our best information, where there is located only one Missionary Baptist preacher in each county, and eight counties where there are only two Mission-

ary Baptist preachers in each county. This will give us some practical idea of the destitution yet in our State.

We reccommend 1st. That the pastors at least once a year give their people something of the history, progress, peospects and needs of State Missions.

2nd. That each church in this Association and every member of the different churches be asked to aid in this work by their prayers and contributions,

3rd. That this work ought to be pushed as rapidly as possible till the Baptist church shall be established in every destitute section and neighborhood in our State, Submitted by

Elihu Tucker
J M Wagoner } Committee.
H A Campbell

The Report on BAPTIST ORPHANAGE was read and Eld. E. J. Edwards addressed the Association in the interest of the children of this Institution, and a contribution was given them in cash. Amount $4.86. The report was adopted in the following language:

Report On Baptist Orphanage.

Your committee regards this institution as one of the most important of all the enterprises fostered by our denomination and worthy of our prayers and liberal contributions. The design is to feed, clothe, and educate the poor Orphan children of our State.

There are now about 124 children in this institution, under the supervision of Bro, J. H. Mills, These children are supported by the free-will offerings of the people. We reccommend "Charity and Children," a paper published by the children of the Orphanage, as worthy to be taken and read by our people,

Submitted,

Elihu Tucker
} Committee.
N. H. Jones.

The following committies were announced to report at this Session:

ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS —W. B. Harris, J. P. Goodman, W. M. Snyder,
ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. Dougherty, J. H. Doughton, T. A. Johnson.
ON COLPORTAGE,—W. W. White, G. L. Porter, J. W. Tucker.

The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Dr. Durham. Elder E. Blevins to preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION

Friday, Sept. 17, 1892,

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and

spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises conducted by Elder A. Brown.

The Association come to order at half past 9 A. M. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted. The roll of delegates was called, corrected and adopted. The following Committies were announced to prepare reports for next session:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—H. A. Eller, W. H. Gentry, H. A. Campbell.
HOME MISSIONS—Elder E. Tucker, Wells Blevins, W. H. Brown.
STATE MISSIONS—Elder D. J. Harris, J. Robertson, A. F. Wilcox, C. A. Dickson.
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE—Elder T. M. Duncan, A. Jones, M. Shatley.
TEMPERANCE—Elder E. Blevins, W. B. Cheek, Wm. Howell.
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Elder J. F. Cheek, Z. T. Bagby, A. Prewitt,
COLPORTAGE—J. W. Welch, W. H. Howell, J. Powell,
PERIODICALS—J. L. Goodman, J. H. Ellis, J. Roark, A. Jennings.

Preaching by Elder E. Blevins at the stand at 11 o'clock. The report on Temperance was read and remarks were submitted by Elders, Brown, Johnson, Tucker, Harris, and Duncan, and by Brethren, J. H. Doughton, J. Eller, and E. H. Graybeal.

Elder E. F. Jones, of Three Forks Association was recognized and seated.

The report on Temperance was adopted. Temperance is one of the Christian graces enumerated, by the Apostle Paul. Not only preparing the individuals for living properly here, but for an eternal life of joy hereafter.

Intemperance is its opposite, especially in the use of intoxicating liquors, Paul said that "The drunkard cannot inherit eternal life." Therefore seeing the great evils growing out of the use of intoxicants, we advise that the churches unite in their efforts to suppress this great evil in their respective communities, and that parents unite their influence in driving back this evil from their children, that the grasp of this monster upon our people may be broken.

Submitted. E. Blevins.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. J. Dougherty, and made the special order for 1 o'clock P. M. The Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher for next session submitted the following report:

Apple Grove Church, 15 miles north of Jefferson, N. C., place, Elder E. Blevins, to preach the annual sermon, and Wm. Glenn, Alternate. The time not named.

Submitted and Signed.

A. Prewitt,
D. M. Stamper,
E. E. Phillips,
} Committee.

The report was adopted with instructions to the Executive Committee to fix the time to conform to the convenience of all interested as nearly as possible. Brethren J. Garvey, and C. F. Barker were appointed to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year. The report of the Executive Committee was read, and followed by a short explanation by the chairman of the Committee. It was adopted as follows:

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association. DearBrethren.

We submit our sixth Annual Report of the work in this Association:

ASHE COUNTY.—Eld. D. W. Thomasson remained on the work at Jefferson until about the middle of April 1892, We very much regret his loss, for he has done a work that will last many years after he is gone, and the seed sown by him are growing and will continue to grow for years to come. We supplied Jefferson and Beaver Creek churches with Eld. J. C. Johnson, after the departure of Bro. Thomasson, and the work at these places are in good condition! There has been four additions to the Jefferson Church under Bro. Johnson's labors, The conditions and prospects of Beaver Creek are encouraging. This is a very important field, and we urge a continuation of the Mission work especially at these points. Brother Johnson has also taken the field occupied by Elder W W. White, Brushy Fork, Clifton and Long Branch, being the points heretofore occupied by Bro. White. He is doing efficient work at these places. Some fifteen additions to these churches, and he is preaching and doing good work at other points in this field. He has organized one new church at Peek Valley.

Elder T. M. Duncan has occupied the Mission Station at Obids, and has organized a church there, and he also took charge of the work at New River with four members and brought that church into the Association at this session with twenty four members. These two fields are very important, and we urge that the work be pushed. New Cranberry is now occupied by Elder E. Blevins as a Missionary. He is doing good work there, and we urge his continuance there, the brethren are building a house at this place and this is an important point.

BAPTIST HOME is occupied by Elder J. F. Stanley, and he is building up a strong work there, and a prosperous Baptist strong hold is fast forming, Elder Asa Brown, of the Three Forks Association, has very much aided us by organizing a strong church at Mission home, and by bringing it into our Association. This church is also in Ashe county.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY—Elder D. J. Harris, has very efficiently occupied the Alleghany field. He is preaching regularly to the churches at Sparta, Liberty, and Laurel Springs, and at two other important points—Kings Creek and Piney Creek, and is doing much work at other points. This field is not growing very fast in members, but in influence, and for the good of our cause it is making long strides. The membership coming in is of the best people of the county. We urge a continuation of this work. Many of the churches in this Association are weak and are struggling to build houses, and we urge that all the aid be given this field that is possible.

J. Eller,
N. C. Jones,
E. H. Graybeal, } Committee.
G. H. Phillips,
W. C. Fields,

Resolutions Of Respects To D. W. Thomasson.

Resolved: That this Association regret exceedingly the removal of Elder D, W. Thomasson from this Association. He did much to develop the mission work in this Association while he labored in this field, and we commend him as a very efficient Minister to the people wherever he may go.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Eller.

Report On Finance.

Received from the churches for Minute fund	$29.02.
Received for State Missions	$26.95.
Received for Foreign Missions	$13.15.
Received for Orphanage	$1.14.
Total	$70.26.

The report on digest of church letters was read and adopted.

Digest Church Letters:

We, your Committee on digest of church letters, submit the following report:

Received by Baptism	86
Received by letter	39
Received by application	6
Received by restoration	6
Total	137.
Dismissed by letter	70
Excluded	17
Died	11
Total	98
Net increase	39
Total males	405
Females	610
Total	1015

We are pleased to find that the churches are all represented in this session, and it is gratifying to know that four new churches have joined us at this session. Eight report good Sunday Schools. Some of the churches have completed good houses of worship, and others are building, and others are still preparing to build,

Signed,

J. P. Goodman,
W. B. Harris,
} Committee,

The Association suspended business till 1 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

The Association come to order at 1 o'clock. Elder E. F. Jones preached at the stand at this hour. The report on Sunday Schools were read and considered. Remarks by Elder D. J. Harris. The report was adopted.

Sabbath Schools:

We respectfully recommend the various churches to use every reasonable effort to establish a Sabbath School in every church, and we advise and insist upon our brethren that are not conveniently situated to a church, to organize schools in school houses in their neighborhoods, and thereby give parents and children the benefits of a Sabbath School. We also urge and recommend that we, the Baptist people, make strong efforts to interest and impress upon all who are not members, the importance of this work, and if possible secure their co-operation, and last, but not least, that all our schools use Baptist literature.

Submitted and signed.

J. Dougherty,
T. A. Johnson,
J. H. Donghton,
} Committee.

Brethren, Duncan and Wagoner were appointed to nominate an Executive Committee, the first having failed to act, who at once recommended the present Committee, except the name of G. H. Phillips who asked to be released, and in his place was put J. H. Doughton.

On motion the chair appointed Brethren, D. J. Harris, E. H. Graybeal, J. H. Doughton, J. Eller, and T. M. Duncan, as delegates to the State Convention. and on motion the Moderator and Clerk were added to the delegation.

The Clerk was instructed to have printed and distributed as many copies of Minutes as the money in his hands for that purpose will pay for. after retaining $5 for his services. The following resolutions of thanks was adopted:

Resolved: That we return and tender our thanks to this church and community for the kind manner of entertainment during the sitting of this body. Signed D, J. Harris.

Preaching to-night by Elder A. Brown, and on to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Elder E. F. Jones, and at 1 o'clock, by Elder J. C, Johnson.

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay what money is in his hands for State Missions, to the Missionaries in this field, Prorata.

On motion this Association adjourned to meet at the place before named at such a time as the Executive Com. may fix. Prayer by Elder E. Blevins.

W. C. Fields, Moderator,

H. A. Eller, Sec. and Treas.

Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder E, F, Jones preached to a large audience, and at 1 o'clock Elder J. C. Johnson preached. So another year's history is made. Let us try harder each year as they pass,

Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.		COUNTIES.	NEARAST P. O.	Added by Baptism	Added by Lot'r & application	Added Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Dismissed Deceased	Dismissed Excluded	Membership. Males	Membership. Females	Membership. total membership
Apple Grove	1	Ashe	Weasel, Ashe Co., N. C.	...	...	...	4	1	1	36	66	102
Baptist Home	2	Ashe	Solitude, " " "	5	1	...	5	.....	....	9	18	27
Bethel	3	Ashe	Idle Wild, " " "	...	3	...	9	3	.....	49	55	104
Bristol	4	Ashe	Jefferson, " " "	1	..	2	6	.....	.....	10	20	30
Buffalo	5	Ashe	Beaver Creek, " " "	16	...	1	3	.....	.. ..	33	77	110
Brushy Fork	6	Ashe	Wheeler, " " "	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	17	29	46
Beaver Creek	7	Ashe	Beaver Creek, " " "	1	...	...	...	...	.....	10	11	21
Clifton	8	Ashe	Clifton, " " "	4	...	1	3	.....	.....	13	12	25
Forest Home	9	Ashe	Berlin, " " "	4	4	1	...	1	2	26	20	46
Friendship	10	Ashe	Jefferson, " " "	9	2	...	1	2	.....	12	27	39
Healing Springs	11	Ashe	Crumpler, " " "	17	6	...	3	.....	.....	27	35	62
Jefferson	12	Ashe	Jefferson. " " "	...	4	...	...	1	.....	13	8	21
Landmark	13	Ashe	Silas Creek, " " "	15	2	...	3	5	....	45	56	101
‡Laurel Springs	14	Alleghany	Laurel Sprins, Alleghany Co., N. C.	1	1	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Liberty	15	Alleghany	Whitehead " " "	1	3	...	5	.....	.....	9	12	20
Long Branch	16	Ashe	Ashley, Ashe Co., N. C.	1	...	...	...	.....	.....	13	9	22
†Mission Home	17	Ashe	Gap Creek " " "	2	9	...	...	.....	.....	8	12	21
New Hope	18	Alleghany	Prathers Creek, Alleg'y Co. N. C.	3	1	...	4	...	3	13	29	42
‡New Cranberry	19	Ashe	Furches, Ashe Co., N. C.	1	7	...	3	.....	1	.....	.....	15
†New River	20	Ashe	Weavers Ford, " " "	...	...	...	...	.....	....	8	16	24
†Obids ‡	21	Ashe	Obids " " "	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
†Peak Valley	22	Ashe	Sutherland, " " "	...	...	...	...	...	.....	5	6	11
Pleasant Home	23	Ashe	Crumpler " " "	...	...	...	16	.....	4	18	34	52
Rye Cove	24	Ashe	Thaxton, " " "	5	2	1	5	1	1	17	26	43
‡Sparta	25	Alleghany	Sparta, Alleghany Co., N. C.	1	...	...	...	1	.....	.....	.....	17
				87	45	6	70	15	12	390	358	1016

† Recently organized, ‡ Males and Females not given.

CHURCHES.	Time of meeting	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERKS.	P. O.
Apple Grove	2	S. Blackburn	Crumpler, N. C.	A. Prewitt	Weasel, N. C,
Baptist Home	3	J. F. Stanley	Dresden, N. C.	L. J. Sturgill	Solitude, N. C,
Bethel	2	Wm. Wilcoxen	Elk X Roads N C	J. P. Goodman	Nettle Knob N C
Bristol	3	I. M. Carter	Bernice, N. C,	J. J. McLure	Jefferson, N C
Buffalo	1	J. F. Stanley	Dresden, N. C.	T. H. Ray	Jefferson, N C
Brushy Fork	2	J. C. Johnson	Reece, N. C,	R, Vanover	Wheeler, N C
Beaver Creek	3	J. C. Johnson	Reece, N. C.	J. L. Goodman	Beaver Cr'k N C
Clifton	1	J. C. Johnson	Reece. N. C.	Jesse Roark	Clifton, N C
Forest Home	2	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Cr'k, N C	H, A. Eller	Berlin, N C
Friendship	4	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Cr'k, N C	R. M. Burkett	Idol's Mill, N C
Healing Springs	3	E. Tucker	Weasel, N. C.	J. M. Ballou	Crumpler, N, C
Jefferson	3	J. C. Johnson	Reece, N. C,	W. L, Luther	Jefferson, N, C.
Landmark	4	E. Tucker	Weasel, N. C.	G, L. Porter	Silas Creek, N.C.
Laurel Springs	4	D. J. Harris	Sparta, N. C.	J. H. Doughton	Laurel Spr's N.C.
Liberty	3	D. J. Harris'	Sparta, N. C.	D, M. Stamper	White Head N C
Long Branch	4	J. C. Johnson	Reece, N. C.	J. Welch	Ashely, N. C.
Mission Home	1	A. Brown	Riverside, N. C.	T, J, Howell	Gap Cr'k, N. C,
New Hope	3	E, Blevins	Crumpler, N. C,	A. Jones	Prather's Cr'k, "
New Cranberry	2	E. Blevins	Crumpler, N. C.	J. W. Phouts.	Furches, N, C,
New River	1	T M. Duncan	Beaver Cr'k N C	J, J. Garvey	Weaver's Ford "
Obids	3	T. M, Duncan	Beaver Cr'k N C	Wm. Hartzog	Obids, N. C.
Peak Valley	4	J. C. Johnson	Reece, N. C,	J, Robertson	Sutherland, N.C,
Pleasant Home	4	E. Blevins	Crumpler, N. C.	D. Pasley	Crumpler N. C.
Rye Cove	3	W. H. Glenn	Thaxton, N. C.	A. J. Barker	Thaxton, N. C.
Sparta	1	D. J Harris	Sparta, N. C.	W. C. Fields	Sparta, N, C.

Paid Pastor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Repairs, &c	Education	Colportage	Minute Fund	Attendance	SUNDAY SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE AND SUPERINTENDANTS.
$20 65	$ 2 25							$ 3 00	30	Jordan Davis, Eye, N C
10 00	4 00		$ 1 00					1 00		E. H. Graybeal, Solitude, "
								2 00		J. J. Goodman, Nettle Knob, "
4 05								65		J. J. McLure, Jefferson, "
8 75	1 00							1 55		Daniel Perkins, Jefferson, "
6 60	1 70	43						30	79	F. Rominger, Wheeler, "
	4 00		1 00					1 00		J. L. Goodman, Beaver Creek, "
1 70	4 00							60		Jesse Roark, Clifton, "
33 00	15 00	$1 30	5 00	$ 1 94	75		55	2 50		R. L. Shoaf, Berlin, "
15 00				1 14				1 00		R. M. Burkett, Idol's Mills, "
29 28					$15 97			1 50	17	L. cockerham, Blevine, "
2 15	8 00							1 50		W. H. Gentry, Jefferson,
22 00			1 25					2 50		W. F. Barker, Silas creek, "
12 00	1 50							50		J H, Doughton, Laurel Springs, "
	5 00							65		D, M, Stamper, Whitehead, "
	70							50		John Welch, Ashler, "
20 00			2 50	3 50				1 00		Wm. Howell, Gap creek, "
19 25	2 25		2 00					1 25		J. c. Jones, Prather's creek, "
								60	29	J. W. Phout, Furches. "
20 00	1 40							1 00		J. J. Garvey, Weaver's Ford, "
								1 00	44	Mac Absher, Obids, "
9 00								50		J. Robertson. Sutherland, "
9 50								1 42		D. Pasley, Crumpler, "
6 00								1 00		J. F. Walton, Thaxton, "
35 00	15 00		5 00					50		W, C. Fields, Sparta, "
3 93	$55 80	$1 73	$17 75	$6 58	$16 72		$0 55	$29 02		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As Treasurer of Ashe and Alleghany Association I submit the following report of my disbursements, Viz:

Rec'd from	Committee on	Finance	for	State	Misssons	$26	95
"	"	"	"	"	" Foreign "	13	15
"	"	"	"	"	" Minutes	29	02
"	"	"	"	"	" Orphanage	1	14
"	"	Collection	at	Association	for Foreign Missions	5	82
"	"	"	"	"	" Orphanage	4	86
Total amount Received						$80	94

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid cash to Brethren employed by the State Board of Missions to labor in our bounds and sent receipis to J. D. Boushall. State Treas, Raleigh, N. C	$26	95
Sent cash to State Treasurer for Foreign Missions	18	97
Paid cash to J. E. Edwards at Assoaietion for Orphanage	4	86
Sent cash to State Treas. for Orphanage	1	14
Expended in getting out Minutes. mailiug &c., &c.	24	02
Retained as allowed for Services	5	00
Total amount Expended	$80	94

H. A. ELLER, TREAS.

I have decided not to name a time for holding the next session until the Exective committee meets and until we can ascertain the time that other Associations near us will meet and then we will set a time and pub lish it in the county papers and Biblical Recorder.

J. E. Eller, Chm.

Constitution of the Ashe and Alleghany Asso'n.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be called "The Ashe and Alleghany Association."

II. The object of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our own bounds, and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Conveution of N. C,

III. The members of this body shall be all the ordained ministers of the churches composing this Association, and three delegates from each church, who shall bring a letter certifyiug their appointment and giving statistics of the membership aud work of the churches.

IV. At each annual sessiou of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, in such way as the Association may direct, The last two offices may be held by the same brother.

V. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committies, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superiutend printing and distribnting to the churches these proceedings,

VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the Association may direct, aud make a report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold anuual meetings at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IX. At each aunual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the geueral state of mission work.

X. At each anuual session there shall be appointed committies to make reports at the subsequent session, on the followiug subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missious, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage. Periodicals aud Temperence,

XI. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII. The Association will not receive nor retain in permaneut fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage,

XII, This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any annual session.

Rules Of Order.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. When the Moderator calls the Association to order, every member shall at once take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, except by permission of the body,
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house, or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.

Order Of Business:

1. Introductory sermon. 2. Enrollment of delegates. 3. Election of officers: 4. Reception of new churches. 5. Reading Constitution, rules of order, and abstracts of principles. 6. Appointments of committies. 7. Report of Executive Committee. 8. Report of Treasurer. 9. Report of committies, 10. Miscellaneous

Abstract Of Principles.

1st, We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2ond. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testament—is the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotancy of man and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lords Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order,

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptised and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine should take the Lord's Supper

7th. We believe in the final perseverence of the saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General judgment.

9th. We believe that the existance of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the rightcous and the punishment ofthe wicked will both be eternal.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Duncan, T M, Beaver Creek, N C
Blackburn, S, Crumpler, N C.
Tucker, Elihu, Weasel, N C.
Harris, D J, Sparta, N C.
Riddle, J, Beaver Creek, N C.
Glenn, W H, Grayson, Ashe Co.
Carter, I M, Bernice, N C.
Cheek, F B, Whitehead, N C.
Roberts, C, Berlin, N C.
Stanley, J F, Solitude, N C
Barker, W S, Silas Creek, N C.
Barr, J S, Comet, N C.
Blevins, E, Crumpler, N C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Eller, J, Berlin, Ashe Co, N C.
Jones, N H, Prather's Creek, N C.
Tucker, E L, Weasel, N C.
Graybeal, A E Jefferson, N C.
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PROCEEDINGS.

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Apple Grove Church, Ashe Co., N. C.
Thursday, Sept. 14, 1893.

At said place and time the Ashe and Alleghany Association of Baptist was to convene in its seventh annual session. A number of delegates assembled at 11 o'clock, a. m., and after devotional exercises Eld. W H Glenn preached the introductory sermon, from Matt. 18-18. "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." After prayer took a recess for 30 minutes.

At 2 o'clock reassembled in the house, and in the absence of the Moderator and a large number of the delegates and church letters, caused by high water, the brethren thought best to defer the organization until to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock. Eld. J F Maiden preached at 2 o'clock; text, "Let your light shine," and Dr. C Durham concluded by making a very entertaining talk.

Prayer by Eld. E Tucker, benediction by Dr. Durham.

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Friday Morning, Sept 15, 1893.

At 9 o'clock the delegates assembled at the church and engaged in prayer and praise for 30 minutes, and at half past 9 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Secretary, in the absence of the Moderator, by calling Bro. T M Duncan to the chair protempore. Letters from a majority of the churches were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Apple Grove—J W Tucker, W P Lewis, A C Wallace, E Tucker.
Baptist Home—E H Graybeal, (present but not having the letter.).
Bethel—J P Goodman, A N Johnson.
Beaver Creek—T Ray, J L Goodman, M W Duncan.
Bristol—L McLuer, W Houser, E C Taylor.

Brushy Fork—G W Wallace, J Martin.
Buffalo—H H Ray.
Clifton—E Elliott, R R Elliott, M Gilley.
Forest Home—R L Shoaf, A F Wilcox, H A Eller, I M Carter, J S Barr.
Friendship—H T Little, G W Burkett.
Landmark—G L Porter, J Denney, W F Barker.
Long Branch—J W Welch, N Eldreth, J Miller.
Healing Springs—R C Spence, M Shatley. W Blevins.
Jefferson—C M Graybeal, A E Graybeal.
Mission Home—Wm. Howell.
New River—E Gaultney.
Peak Valley—J Robertson, A Osborn.
Pleasant Home—M Davis, O Blevins, E W Reedy.
Rye Cove—A J Barker, R Thompson, N Johnson, W H Glenn, J Walton.
Treetop—T M Jones.

Seven churches had no delegates or letters at this session, viz: Sparta, Laurel Springs, Liberty, New Hope, New Cranberry, Obids, Baptist Home, because of high water.

On motion the Association proceeded to ballot for officers, Brethren Houston and Howell being Tellers, who reported elected Rev. T M Duncan Moderator, and H A Eller Secretary and Treasurer, who accepted and proceeded to their respective duties.

A letter from Treetop Baptist Church (recently organized) was presented and read, asking membership in this body, and after inquiry as to its faith and practice it was received a member of this Association.

The Constitution, Rules of Order, and Abstract of Principles were read. The following named visiting brethren were recognized and seated: from the Mountain Union Association, Elder Jacob Eller and brethren E Z Bangus, H R Wagoner, B Wyatt; Threeforks, Eld. J H Farthing; Lebanon, Eld. J F Maiden, Dr. Houston and Bro. Blankenbeckler; New River, W G Young; Caldwell County Association, brethren Howell and Clark. Dr. C Durham corresponding secretary. The following committees were appointed to report at this session: On Religious exercises, delegates of this church; on Finance, T F Ray, Thos. Jones, Wm. Howell; on Time, Place and Preacher for next session, M Shatley, H H Ray, H A Eller; on Sunday Schools, R Thompson, E W Reedy, R C Spence; also some supplies on original committees.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and ably discussed by Eld. Maiden and Dr. Durham. The report was adopted as appears below:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee thinks that it cannot do better than to copy a suggested report which appeared in the "Biblical Recorder" of Aug. 2, '93.

The Southern Baptist Convention through its Board located in Richmond, Va., has missionaries

I. In China: In Canton and vicinity, (begun in 1845) 13 missionaries, 21 native helpers, 5 churches, with 710 members, 61 baptisms last year, 8 schools, and $1,400 of contributions by members.

In Shanghai and vicinity, (begun in 1847) 13 missionaries, 4 native helpers, 3 churches, 113 members, 12 baptisms, 3 schools, and $315 contributions.

In Tung Chow and vicinity, (begun in 1860) 12 missionaries, 3 churches, 115 members, 2 baptisms.

II. In Africa: In Lagos and interior, (begun in 1850) 11 missionaries, (of whom five are at home seeking restoration of health) 7 assistants, 4 churches, 144 members, 20 baptisms, 3 schools, and $215 contributions.

III. In Italy: In Rome, Florence and 14 other towns, (begun in 1870) 3 missionaries from the United States, 27 native preachers and colporters, 17 churches, 347 members, 72 baptisms, and $560 contributions.

IV. In Brazil: In Bohia and vicinity, (begun in 1882) 7 missionaries, 4 native preachers, 4 churches, 256 members, 61 baptisms, and $350 contributions. In Rio and vicinity, (begun in 1883) 10 missionaries, 4 native preachers, 8 churches, 197 members, 35 baptisms, and $994 contributions,

V. In Mexico: (Begun in 1880) 25 missionaries, 10 native helpers, 30 churches, 1014 members, 94 baptisms, 2 schools, and $1,526 contributions.

VI. In Japan: (Begun in 1889) 4 missionaries, 2 native assistants, 1 church, 27 members, 26 baptisms.

Totals—Missionaries 98, native helpers 79, churches 75, members 2,923, baptisms 383, schools 16 and contributions $5,360. In the above named work North Carolina has in China 12 missionaries; in Africa, 3 missionaries; in Brazil, 3 missionaries, and in Mexico, 2 missionaries. Total, 20 missionaries from N C. Six of North Carolina's missionaries are now in this country, for recuperation and short visits to their homes, the churches and associations.

There are three great Foreign Missionary Boards or societies of evangelical churches in the United States. These had last year in papal and pagan lands 724 principal stations, 4,742 out stations, 1,274 male and 1746 female missionaries, 11,256 native preachers and helpers, 2,603 churches, 295,326 members, 50,079 additions last year, 5,692 schools, 176,765 scholars and the nation contributed last year

$803,351, and the churches of the United States gave $4,983,516.

The evangelical missionary organizations of the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Germany and Continel Europe had last year in papal and pagan fields 14,335 stations, 8,472 missionaries, 44,532 native preachers and helpers, and a church membership of 893,315 with an income for the work from all sources of $14,588,354. Our duty to papal and pagan lands is plain and our Lord's command to give them the gospel is imperative. Let us study the scriptures to know our duty, read books and missionary journals for information about the progress made and the doors of usefulness open to us, and pray, and give and toil for the uplifting love of Christ to aid us in giving the gospel to all the world.

H. A. Eller, Committee.

The committee on religious exercises reported preaching at 11 o'clock by Eld. N. M. Blevins and at 2 o'clock by Eld I. M. Carter. A cash collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amount $4.02. The Association took a recess for an hour.

Afternoon.

Resumed business at half past one o'clock.

The report on Home Missions was read and discussed at length by Eld. Maiden and Dr. Durham. The report was adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee has no new theory to offer in regard to this important work, but would urge our pastors and churches to greater efforts to carry the gospel to all our Southern and Western States and Territories, including Negroes and Indians and other destitution: this must necessarily be done by greater liberality by all the churches.

Elihu Tucker, Wells Blevins, G. L. Pobter, Com.

The report on State Missions was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. The report on Temperance was read and a delegate from each church requested to speak to the report, and a majority responded, giving their views and experiences in regard to the liquor traffic and its effects, etc., and how to deal with it. This subject was well discussed by Elds. Maiden, Farthing and Durham. The report was adopted, thus:

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas the scriptures tell us, that we should "keep ourselves unspotted from the world," we, your committee do not believe that we can maintain the purity of the church while some of its members indulge in drinking. We as members of this Association should do all in our power to stop intemperance in our respective communities, and we believe the best way to do this, is for the church to strictly practice what we teach on that subject; hence we recommend that our churches do not retain in fellowship those who are given to the use of intoxicating liquor. Wm. Howell, Com.

Preaching was announced for to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Eld. J. F. Maiden and at 2 o'clock by Eld. J. H. Farthing. On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning to spend half an hour in devotional exercises and begin business at half past 9. Prayer by Dr. Durham, benediction by Eld. Maiden.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NEAREST POSTOFFICE.	Added.			Dismissed.			Membership.		
		By bap'm	By Lett'r	Restored.	By Lett'r	Deceased	Exclud'd	Males.	Females.	Total Member-ship.
Apple Grove...	Weasel, Ashe County, North Carolina.....		3		1	2	1	34	45	79
Baptist Home..	Solitude, Ashe County, North Carolina....		1		5		6	8	13	21
Bethel	Idlewild, Ashe County, North Carolina....	6	3		2	2		52	57	109
Bristol	Jefferson, Ashe County, North Caroiina....				2		1	9	18	27
Buffalo.....	Beaver Creek, Ashe County, North Carolina						4	33	73	106
Brushy Fork...	Wheeler, Ashe County, North Carolina....		2			1	2	16	27	42
Beaver Creek...	Beaver Creek, Ashe County, North Carolina							10	11	21
Clifton.	Clifton, Ashe County, North Carolina.....					1		10	11	21
Forest Home...	Berlin, Ashe County, North Carolina.....	1	1		4	1		24	20	44
Friendship.....	Jefferson, Ashe County, North Carolina....	3					4	10	28	38
Healing Springs	Crumpler, Ashe County, North Carolina....	9	2	2			1	33	41	74
Jefferson	Jefferson, Ashe County, North Carolina....							13	8	21
Landmark	Silas Creek, Ashe County, North Carolina..	8		1	6	2	3	48	57	105
Laurel Springs.	Laurel Springs, Alleghany Co., North Caro'a							5	4	9
Liberty.....	Whitehead, Alleghany Co., North Carolina							8	11	19
Long Branch...	Ashley, Ashe County, North Carolina.....							13	9	22
Mission Home..	Gap Creek, Ashe County, North Carolina..	2	8					13	19	32
New Hope.....	Prather's Creek, Alleg'y Co., North Carolina	13	1	1	1			21	36	57
‡*New Cranbe'ry	Furches, Ashe County, North Carolina....									15
‡New River....	Weaversford, Ashe County, North Carolina				5			6	11	17
*Obids	Obids, Ashe County, North Carolina.....									7
Peak Valley....	Sutherland, Ashe County, North Carolina..	1						5	7	12
Pleasant Home.	Crumpler, Ashe County, North Carolina....	8		1	1			21	38	59
Rye Cove.....	Thaxton, Ashe County, North Carolina....	4	9				1	24	31	55
Sparta	Sparta, Alleghany County, North Carolina..				2					15
Treetop	Creston, Ashe County, North Carolina....							4	8	12
		55	30	5	29	9	23	420	583	1039

*Not Represented. ‡Last years Report.
Males and Females not added because some are not given.

SATURDAY, Sept. 16.

Met persuant to adjournment and spent half an hour in devotional exercises and come to order for business at half past 9 o'clock. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. The roll of delegates was called and corrected. The committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next session submitted the following report which was adopted:

Your committee submit, time, Thursday at 11 o'clock, before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., A. D., 1894; place, Healing Springs Church, Ashe Co., N. C.; Preacher, Eld. E. Tucker principal and Eld. J. F. Stanley, alternate.

Submitted, H. H. RAY, M. SHATLEY, H. A. ELLER, Com.

Brethren R. L. Shoaf, G. L. Porter and C. M. Graybeal were appointed to nominate an executive committee.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. R. L. Shoaf and discussed by Dr. Durham, and the delegates asked what they would try to raise for this work next year, which met with the following response: Apple Grove $2.50, Baptist Home 5.00, Bethel 5 00, Brushy Fork 5 00, Buffalo 2.50, Forest Home 10.00, Friendship 2 00, Healing Springs 5.00, Jefferson 2.50, Landmark 2.50, Long Branch 1.00, New Hope 5.00†, Pleasant Home 2.50, Sparta 20 00†, Peak Valley 2.50, New River 2.00, Obids 1.00†, Beaver Creek 5.00, Laurel Springs 5.00†, Liberty 2.00†, New Cranberry 1.00†, Rye Cove 2.50, Treetop 2.00. Total, $93.50.

[The Churches marked thus † were not represented and the amount that they pledged last year was continued by the suggestion of Dr. Durham.]

A cash collection was taken for State Missions, amount received, $2.65. The report was adopted as appears below:

STATE MISSIONS.

For more than a century the Baptists have been engaged in State Mission work, and have laid the foundation for their present prosperity. They have from time to time, and from year to year enlarged this department of their work, till at the present they have more than one hundred missionaries in the different parts of our State preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ in destitute sections. These are located and laboring in about thirty-five Associations conducted with the State Convention. But notwithstanding all that has been done there is yet great destitution and need of more laborers to fill the vacancies in our State.

Therefore, your committee would recommend that the Pastors of our churches will occasionally, or at least once a year remind their people of the state of affairs, and that each and every church and individual, member as well, be urged to aid in this work by their prayers and contributions, and that this work should be pushed with all possible rapidity until Baptist Churches are established in all the destitute places throughout the State. Brethren pray for this end.

Submitted by,
R. L. SHOAF, J. ROBERSON, A. F. WILCOX, Com.

The report on Periodicals was read and discussed by Bro. J. C. Caddell of the Biblical Recorder, Honston, Farthing and Edwards. The brethren contributed to a fund to send the Recorder to several of the ministering brethren. The report was adopted as appears below:

PERIODICALS.

Your committee on Periodicals lament the fact that comparatively few of the members of the Association have supplied themselves with suitable books and papers, which will keep them abreast of their progressive age. We therefore recommend that as far as they can that they read the following: The "Biblical Recorder," "Charity and Children," and for our Sunday Schools, the International Lessons, published by the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn.

J. S. BARR, J. L. GOODMAN, Com.

The following report on Finance was read and adopted;

Thus—Received from the churches				for Minute fund,	$19.45
"	"	"	"	" Home Missions;	1.25
"	"	"	"	" State "	13.00
"	"	"	"	" Orphanage,	2 00.
Total amount received,					$35.70.

T. F. RAY, WM, HOWELL, THOS. JONES, Com.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and spoken to by Dr. Durham and Eld. Farthing, and adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

There never has been a time when Ministerial Education was so much needed as at the present time. Schools and Colleges are more numerous than formerly, and the rising generation is being educated and it is highly important and necessary that Baptist preachers should be fully abreast of the times and on every footing with ministers of other denominations in point of education. Our facilities for education are better than ever before and if we fail to avail ourselves of these advantages, failure and disaster will result, in a great measure to us as a denomination. We have in our own State institutions second to none in the South, viz; Wake Forest College, Trap Hill and Moravian Falls Academies, and we heartily recommend them to all our young ministers seeking an education and urge them to avail themselves of these golden opportunities.

A. PREWITT, I. M, CARTER, Com.

The following resolutions were adopted;

Resolved, 1st. That this Association regrets exceedingly that the former Moderator with a number of our brethren have been deprived from attending this meeting on account of high water and inclement weather.

Resolved, 2nd. That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the members of this church and vicinity for their hospitality in entertaining this meeting so well.

Brethren G. L. Porter and E Tucker were appointed a committee on obituaries. Took a recess for 45 minutes. The Association resumed business at 10 o'clock.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read and considered and discussed by Bro. E. J. Edwards, and a contribution was given to it, amount $1,68 and the brethren from a number of the churches agreed to try to raise what they could for the orphanags by the meeting of the State Convention. The report was adopted as follows. We regard the Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C. as one of the most important institutions fostered by our denomination and worthy of our prayers, sympathies and liberal contributions. There are now about 130 children in this institution under the care and direction of Bro. J. H. Mills. These children are there to be fed. clothed and educated by the free will offerings of us as a denomination. We fear that some of our people are not alive as they should be to this work.

We recommend "Charity and Children" a weekly journal published by the Supt. and Children of the Orphanage as worthy of our patronage.

T. M. Duncan, M. Shatley, Com.

A report on colportage was read by Bro. J, W. Welch and discussed by him and Bro. E. W. Reedy, and adopted as follows:

COLPORTAGE.

Your committee recommend that the members of our churches continue to aid this work by supplying themselves with religious literature. Eld. J. S. Barr is and has been selling our literature in the west end of this Association, and as we realize already the good effect of the work. We hope that it will not be neglected until there is a general diffusion of knowledge among all our people.

John Welch, Wm. Howell, Com.

The report on Sunday Schools was read, and its consideration deferred till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, at which time it was discussed and adopted as appears below

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is a progressive work and is sanctioned by our Lord. He has made it binding on his children as a nursery of the church. The youths of our country must fill the chairs of our brethren and we deem it highly important that they are brought up in the Sunday School, and learn the word of the Lord. Be it Resolved therefore that every church carry on a live Sunday School conducted by the church.

E W Reedy, R C Spence, R Thompson, Com.

The committee to nominate an executive committee reported the following names, viz: J Eller, N H Jones, E L Tucker, A E Graybeal and W C Fields, the report was adopted. The following named brethren volunteered to attend the Baptist State Convention, and were therefore appointed; C M Graybeal, Elihu Tucker, T M Duncan, D J Harris, W C Fields, and to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. W C Fields was appointed a delegate and T M Duncan alternate.

The following querry from Buffalo church appears below with answer. Querry, What should a church do with members who have moved out of the State without letters. Answer, Let the Clerk so far as possible keep entered on the church book the postoffice of each member, and when members move out of reach of their Church the Clerk should write to them and ask them to move their membership to the Baptist Church nearest to them, and if said members are not heard from in one year, that the name of said members be dropped from the roll of the church.

An obituary to Bro Wm. Barker was read and received for publication. The Chair announced the following standing committees: On FOREIGN MISSIONS, R L Shoaf, E L Tucker, George Burkett; HOME MISSION, J W Welch, W H Glenn, N L Jones; STATE MISSIONS, J Dougherty, W H Gentry, E H Graybeal; BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, C L Porter, A Gennings, H Little; TEMPERANCE, E Tucker, Wm. Howell. T F Ray; MINISTERIAL EDUCATION, W C Fields, J C Jones, J H Doughton; COLPORTAGE, D J Harris, E W Reedy, C M Graybeal; PERIODICALS, J M Wagoner M Shatley, J Eller; Sunday Schools, J J Garvey, T H Ray. Daniel Graham; Digest of Church Letters. J W Phoutz, S Tucker, E S Phillips. The Clerk was instructed to expend the Minute fund in getting out the Minutes and to allow himself $5 for services. On motion the Association adjourned to time and place before named. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Caddell. The delegates and visiting brethren took the parting hand and covenented together to pray for each other and for the prosperity of the Lord's work. Benediction by Dr. Durham.

H. A. Eller, Sec. and Treas. Thomas M Duncan, Moderator.

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SUNDAY, Sept. 17th. 1893.

At 9 o'clock a Snnday School mass-meeting was held, conducted by the Moderator. On motion speeches were limited to five minutes time, and the following speakers addressed the meeting, viz: Maiden, Blevins, Eller, Tucker, Walton, Shoaf, Houston, Spence and others, and it was agreed to call a Snnday School Convention to be held at Landmark Church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in October next, and the Secretary was requested to notify the churches not represented here. Said meeting to be composed of two delegates from each and every church in this Association and send with them a notice of their appointment. Eld. T M Duncan to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. E W Reedy alternate. At 11 o'clock the congregation assembled in the grove and Eld. J F Maiden preached a very able and awakening sermon from the scripture found in the 19th chapter of St. John and 30th verse. "It is finished." Eld. E Blev-

ins followed with an appeal to sinners, who desired the prayers of God's people to come forward and give him their hand, and quite a number accepted. The congregation united in singing and the brethren and sisters extended to each other the parting hand. So passed the seventh session of the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

SECRETARY.

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TREASURERS REPORT FOR 1893.

As Treasurer of the Ashe and Alleghany Association I submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Received for Minute fund from all sources,.....	$26.61.
" " Home Missions,.....	1.25
" " State Missions from all sources,.....	17.69.
" " Orphanage, ...	3.65.
" " Foreign Missions, (Cash Collections).	4,02.
Total amount of receipts, ...	53.13.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C Durham and took receipts for Home State and Foreign Missions,.....	$19.87.
Mailed to J D Boushall, Raleigh, N C, for State M	3.00.
Paid E J Edwards and took receipt for Orphanage,	3.65.
Expended in getting out Minutes, postage, etc.	21.61.
Retained for services according to instructions,	5.00.
Total amount for disbursements, ...	53.13.

H. A. ELLER, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

TO THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION:

DEAR BRETHREN:—At the last session of this Association in consequence of heavy rains and high water, and the indisposition of the committee there was no meeting of the committee, and our missionaries having failed to make any report of their work, we are not now prepared to make a report in detail, or that would be satisfactory to the committee. Some of the mission work has been satisfactory and is in fair condition, while a large part of the mission work done in Ashe county has not been satisfactory to the committee. Some of the missionaries having sent substitutes on their fields, and took the pastorate of other churches and left their fields without preaching.

Your committee believes that New Cranberry, Obids, Beaver Creek, Peak Valley, Clifton, Long Branch and Treetop all need and should have assistance from the State Board, and perhaps some churches in Alleghany county need some assistance from the Board.

J. ELLER, one of Committee.

Constitution of the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

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Article 1. This body shall be called "The Ashe and Alleghany Association."

II. The object of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our own bounds, and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of N.C.

III. The members of this body shall be all the ordained ministers of the churches composing this Association, and three delegates from each church, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

IV, At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer. in such way as the Association may direct. The last two offices may be held by the same brother.

V. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the Association may direct, and make a report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold annual meetings at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IX. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention. making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of mission work.

X. At each annual session there shall be appointed committees to make reports at the subsequent session, on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals and Temperance.

XI. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII. The Association will not receive nor retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

XIII. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any annual session.

—RULES OF ORDER.—

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer
2. When the Moderator calls the Association to order, every member shall at once take his seat
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, except by permission of the body.
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Mod.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house, or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.

—ORDER OF BUSINESS.—

1. Introductory sermon. 2. Enrollment of delegates. 3. Election of officers. 4. Reception of new churches. 5 Reading Constitution, rules of order, and abstract of principles. 6. Appointment of committees. 7. Report of Executive Committee. 8. Report of Treasurer. 9, Report of committees. 10. Miscellaneous

——ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.——

1st. We believe in one only true and living God: and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.
2nd. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testaments—is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3rd. We believe in the impotancy of man and the sovereignty of God.
4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lords Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.
6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.
7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in Grace to Glory.
8th. We believe the resurrection of the dead and a General judgment.
9th. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

OTHER INFORMATION.

CHURCHES.	Time of Mt'g.	PASTORS.	Postoffice.	CLERKS.	Postoffice.	Paid Pastors	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missi's	Centennial.	Orphanage.	Education.	Repairs &c.	Minute Fund.	Attendance.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. SUPERINTENDANTS & P. O.
Apple Grove	2	E Blevins...	Crumpler, N C	A Prewitt	Weasel, N. C.	$12.61	$	$	$	$	$	$	$2.00	$1,75		None Reported.
Baptist Home	3	J F Stanley	Solitude, "	L J Sturgill...	Solitude "	12.55								25		None Reported.
Bethel	2	Wm Wilcox	Elk X R'ds, "	J P Goodman	Nette Kn'b "	25.00		1.00						2.00		None Reported.
Bristol		J Riddle.....	Jefferson, "	J J McLure...	Jefferson "	4.00								60	60	J J McLure, Jefferson, N. C
Buffalo	1	J F Stanley	Solitude, "	T H Ray.....	" "	7.00	2.50			1.00				1.00		None Reported
Brushy Fork..		N M Blevins	Gre'n Cove Va	D Martin.....	Wheeler "	18,50								90	67	D Martin, Wheeler. N. C.
Beaver Creek		J C Johnson	Reece, N C	J L Goodman	Beaver Cr'k "		4.00			2.30				1.00		None Reported.
Clifton	1	J S Barr.....	Comet, "	E Elliott.....	Clifton "									50		None Reported.
Forest Home	2	T M Duncan	Beav'r Cr'k "	H A Eller.....	Berlin "	33.00	4.43		2.30	5.00	2.03	.75		2.90		None Reported
Friendship.....	4	T M Duncan	" " "	R M Barkett..	Idols Mills "	15.00	2.00			2.09				1.00	50	C A Dixon, Idols Mills, N C
Heali'g Spr'gs	3	E Blevins...	Blevins, "	J M Ballow...	Crumpler "	28.20	2.00						50	1.75		None Reported
Jefferson.....	2	T M Duncan	Beaver Cr'k "	W L Luther...	Jefferson "									1.25		None Reported
Landmark.....	4	E Tucker...	Weasel "	G L Porter....	Silas Creek "	21.40								2.00		None Reported
Laurel Spri'gs		D J Harris..	Sparta "	J H Doughton	Laurel Spr's "		1.00							50		None Reported
Liberty.....	3	D J Harris..	Sparta "	J M Wagoner	Whitehead "		2.00							60		None Reported
Long Branch..	4	J S Barr.....	Comet "	J W Welch.....	Asheley "		1.00	25						60		None Reported
Mission Home	1	A Brown.....	River Side "	T J Howell...	Gap Creek "	20.00	2.00		5.00		2.00			1.50	45	Wm. Howell Gap Cre'k N C
New Hope.....	1	A J Wagon'r	Elk Creek "	A Jones.....	Prath's Cr'k "									1.16		None Reported
New Cranb'ry		[No report]		J W Phouts...	Furches "											
New River...		T M Duncan	Beaver Cr'k "	J J. Garvey...	Weaversford "	20.00				1.25	1.00			60	50	J J Garvey, Weavsford N C
Obids.....		[No report]		Wm Hartzog..	Obids "									75		
Peak Valley..	2	N M Blevins	Gre'n Cove Va	J Robertson..	Sutherland "	6.61	2.50							.50		None Reported
Pleasa't Home	4	E Blevins....	Blevins N C	Jas Blevins...	Crumpler "	17.00	2.50							1.00		None Reported
Rye Cove.....	3	W H Glenn	Thaxton "	A J Barker...	Grayson "	12.40							1200	1.00	32	J F Walton, Thaxton, N C
Sparta	1	D J Harris..	Sparta "	W C Fields.....	Sparta "		10.00							1.00		None Reported
Treetop.....	3	N M Blevins	Gre'n Cove Va	T M Jones.....	Creston "	8.80								50		None Reported.
						242.07	35.93	1,25	7.30	11.64	5.03	75	14.50	26.61	304	

N. B. Any Sunday School Information may be had by writing the Clerks of churches where no school is reported.

OBITUARY.

William Barker professed religion about the year A. D., 1848, and became a member of the Baptist Church soon after, and lived a member of the same until his death, at which time he was a Deacon.

The day of his death, Sept. 13, 1893.

He left the evidence that he was going to the home of the good. He left a companion and seven children with many friends to mourn their loss.

Elihu Tucker,
G. L. Porter, Committee.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Duncan, T M, Beaver Creek, Ashe county, N C.
Blackburn, S, Crumpler, Ashe county, N C.
Tucker, Elihu, Weasel, Ashe county, N C.
Glenn, W H, Thaxton, Ashe county, N C.
Carter, I M, Bernice, Ashe county, N C.
Cheek, F B, Whitehead, Alleghany county, N C.
Roberts, C. Berlin, Ashe county, N C,
Stanley, J F, Solitude, Ashe county, N C.
Barker, W F, Silas Creek, Ashe county, N C.
Barr, J S, Pinckton, Ashe county, N C.
Blevins, E, Crumpler, Ashe county, N C.
Blevins, John, Hermitage, Ashe county, N C.
Shumate, James, Delphi, Alleghany county, N C
Hurley, A, Bly, Ashe county, N C
Reedy, E W, Crumpler, Ashe county, N C

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Eller, J, Berlin, Ashe county, N C
Jones, J C, Prathers Creek, Alleghany county, N C
Tucker, J W, Weasel, Ashe county, N C
Phillips, E E, Idlewild, Ashe county, N C
Fields, W C, Sparta, Alleghany county, N C

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PROCEEDINGS.

HEALING SPRINGS CHURCH, ASHE CO., N. C. }
September the 13th, 1894. }

The Ashe and Alleghany Association of Baptist convened with Healing Springs Church in its eighth annual meeting, Thursday, Sept., 13th, 1894, at Healing Springs, Ashe Co., N. C.

The devotional exercises were introduced by singing and Elder E. Tucker read scripture and led the brethren in prayer. The annual sermon was preached by Eld. E. Tucker, from the scripture contained in Luke XVI chapter, and 9 to 12 verses inclusive. The Association took a recess till half past one o'clock, at which time the Association assembled and was led in prayer by Elder W. H. Glenn. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and letters from the different Churches were presented, and read by brethren R. L. Shoaf and G. L. Porter, and a roll of delegates was made by the Secretary, viz:

Apple Grove—J. W. Tucker. A. Prewitt, E. Tucker, H. Clark.
Baptist Home—L. J. Sturgill, R Lewis.
Bethel—E. E. Phillips, J. A. Shepherd. J. P. Goodman.
Bristol—W. Eller, J. J. McLure.
Buffalo—H. A. Campbelle, H. H. Ray, A. A. Taylor.
Brushy Fork—Wm. Snider, L. C. Snider.
Beaver Creek—M. Duncan, J. H. Goodman, T. M. Duncan.
Clifton—R. R. Elliott, J. Parsons.
Forest Home—J. Eller. R. L. Shoaf, I. M. Carter, H. A. Eller.
Friendship—H. T. Little. C. A. Dixon
Healing Springs—R. C, Spence, M. Shatley. J. M. Ballou.
Jefferson—C. M. Graybeal. W. J. Hall.
Landmark—G. L. Porter, A. P, Howell, J. C. Denny. W. F. Barker. S. Blackburn.
Laurel Springs—J H. Doughton, J. L. Lawrance.
Liberty—J. M. Wagoner. F. B. Cheek, J. Shumate.
Long Branch—J. Welch, O. Welch, Z. Eldreth.
Mission Home—D. D. Woodruff. A. E. Brown.
Mountain View—R Thompson. A J Barker, B. Ellis, A Denney. W H Glenn.
New Hope—J. C. Jones.
New Cranberry—J. W. Phouts.
New River—J. J. Garvey. E. Gaultney, J. Burchett.

Obids - (Not Represented)
Peak Valley—J. Robertson, R. Brown
Pleasant Home—M. Davis, J. Blevins, E. W. Reedy,
Pleasant Hill—C. Blevins, E. Roup, S. Blevins. J, Blevins.
Sparta—W. I. Harp, W. C. Fields,
Threetop—T. M. Jones.

The Association proceeded to ballot for officers, Brethren Maiden and Houston being Tellers, who reported W. C. Fields elected Moderator and H. A. Eller, Secretary.

A letter from Pleasant Hill Church was read, asking membership in this body; the letter and delegates were received and the hand of welcome extended to them by the Moderator.

The Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles were read. The following visiting Brethren reported themselves as visitors and took seats with the Association, viz: from the Elkin Association, Elders C. F. Fields and C. Blevins; from the Lebanon Association, Elders J. F. Maiden, C. F. Rouse and Dr. Houston; from the Mountain Union Association, Brethren S. Caudill and R. Blevins; from Three Forks Association, Eld. A. Brown.

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

On Religious Exercises for this Session—The delegates of this Church, with E. E. Phillips, W. I. Harp, J. J. Garvey.

On Finance—J. H. Doughton, G. L Porter, A E. Brown.

On Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session—J. M. Wagoner. H. H. Ray, L. C. Snider.

On Digest of Church Letters—R. L. Shoaf, W. J. Hall, J. Welch.

On Obituaries—T. M. Duncan, I. M Carter, F. B. Cheek.

On motion the report of Sunday Schools was discontinued, and the work turned over to the Sunday School Convention.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported:

Preaching for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, at the Grove, by Elders C. F. Fields and James Shumate; and at 2 o'clock by Elders W. H. Glenn and Asa Brown.

On motion the Association adopted the following program for the session: Meet at 9 o'clock, a. m., spend half an hour in devotional exercises, and begin business at half past nine. Adjourn at 11. Convene at 1 and adjourn at will.

The Association adjourned to time before stated,

Prayer by Elder W. F. Barker.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 14th, 1894.

The Association assembled at 9 o'clock and spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder A. Brown, and was called to order by the Moderator. Elder J. L. Sherwood, from the Three Forks Association, reported himself a correspondent, and bro. L. N. Perkins a visitor from the same. Eld. A. P. Bridges, from the South Fork Association, Elders Jacob Eller and J. Blevins, from the Mountain Union Association, Eld. J. G. Pulliam, from Cala., Eld. D. J, Harris, from the Beulah Association, reported themselvos visitors and took seats with the Association.

The minutes of yesterday were read and the roll of delegates corrected. The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. R. L. Shoaf, and was spoken to by Elders J. F. Maiden and J. L. Sherwood. The report was adopted as appears below:

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention located at Richmond. Va., has charge of Missions in Foreign lands. The Board has Missionaries in China. Italy, Mexico, South America, Africa and Japan. It is the object of the board to give the gospel to the teeming millions who are perishing in heathen darkness. This work began in China in 1845 and has been increasing ever since.

There is at present one hundred Missionaries in the different fields, with about the same number of native helpers. About twenty of these Missionaries are from N C., who are looking to this Board for their support. The Lord's command to give the gospel to these people is imperative. Shall we not heed the command and come to the support of these. our own brethren? God has greatly honored us by calling so many of our own people into this work. The Lord is crowning their labors with success and hundreds. yea thousands are coming to the light. Brethren let us not be content with what has been done for there is need of greater effort on this line than ever before as the population is increasing rapidly. the opposition is increasing and all the while our fellow men are dying without the gospel. Let us, each and every one. who profess Christianity consider the responsibility that is resting upon us, and think not that there is nothing that we can do for if we cannot go in person and preach to the heathen we can pray for the success of those who do go and we can give of our means to sustain those already gone and to help to send others who are anxious to go. In order to see and know our duty properly on this subject we need to be educated and we can educate ourselves in a large measure by reading the Scripture and praying to the Lord for light and understanding. and also by reading the Biblical Recorder and Foreign Mission Journal. Let all the pastors impress these facts upon their churches and congregations. Awake Brethren and with greater zeal get to work, for what we do must be done quickly. Let us ask the Lord to aid us in giving the gospel to all the world.

R. L SHOAF. Com.

The report on Home Missions was read by brother John Welch and was spoken to by Eld. D. J. Harris, on motion the further consideration of this subject was continued till the afternoon session and the Association took a recess till 1 o'clock to hear preaching by Elders C. F. Fields and James Shumate, who preached at 11 o'clock to a large and attentive audience in the grove.

AFTER NOON.

The Association resumed business at 1 o'clock and continued the consideration of the report on Home Missions and was well discussed by Elders J. G. Pulliam and J. L. Sherwood. The report was adopted, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee regard this work very important to our denomination, and urge our Pastors and Churches to greater efforts in carrying the gospel to all the Southern States and Territories, among which is much destitution of Baptist preaching including all races. If greater liberality was practiced by all our churches and people much more work in this field could be done.

Respectfully submitted. JOHN WELCH, *W.* H. GLENN, Com.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching tomorrow at 11 o'clock by Elders D. J. Harris and D. P. Bridges, and at 2 o'clock by Elders C. Blevins and J. L. Fletcher.

The report on State Missions was read by bro. J. C. Jones and discussed by brethren J. Eller, R. C. Spence, T. M. Duncan, J. C. Jones. J. L. Sherwood, R. L. Shoaf, R. R. Elliott. J. F. Malden and D. J. Harris. The report was adopted:

STATE MISSIONS.

For more than a century the *B*aptists of N. C. have been engaged in State Mission work and have laid broad the foundation for our present prosperity and from time to time we have enlarged our work in the bounds of the State until at the present it has grown to large proportions. Notwithstanding we find in the bounds of our own Association great destitution and need of much work.

Therefore, your committee would suggest that the Ashe and Alleghany Association secure its own Missionary and appropriate its own funds. and that the mission work be subject to the Executive Committee with the understanding that the Missionary shall not be pastor of any church. As a plan for our work we recommend that a committee of one be appointed in each church as a standing committee for the year, to co-operate with the Executive Committee and see that this special interest be brought before every member of his church so that every one may have an opportunity to contribute, in view of our great need in this special work of our Master. We therefore recommend that immediate action be taken and that a Missionary be put on this field the earliest day possible. Respectfully Submitted.

J. C. JONES, *J.* ROBERTSON, E. BLEVINS. E. *W.* REEDY, Com,

The report on Temperance was read by Eld. E. W. Reedy and discussed by the committee, brethren Cheek, Bridges, Pulliam, Sherwood, Maiden, Duncan, Blevins and Tucker. The report was adopted:

TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is a growing evil and should merit the disapproval of every Christian man and woman. It is a fatal injury to the body. and a curse to the soul, Therefore, be it resolved: That we adhere strictly to the XII article of our constitution. E. TUCKER, E. W. REEDY. Com.

The Association adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning.

Prayer by Eld. J. L. Sherwood. Benediction by Eld. Harris.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 15th, 1894.

The Association met at 9 o'clock and spent half an hour in devotional exercises and came to order for business. The Chair announced the following named brethren, as a nominating committee, to name brethren for an Executive Committee, viz: I. M. Carter, H. Clark, W. I. Harp. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on State Missions was re-read and Eld. D. J. Harris called on the delegates to pledge the amounts that they and their churches will pay to a Missionary on this field during the ensuing Associational year and they responded as follows:

Apple Grove $10.; Baptist Home $5.; Bethel $10; Buffalo $5.; Beaver Creek $10.; Clifton $5.; Forest Home $20.; Friendship $5.; Healing Springs $10.; Landmark $ 5; Laurel Springs $5.; Liberty $10.; New Hope $10.. New River $5.; Peak Valley $5., Pleasant Home $5.; Mountain View $5.; Sparta $25.; Threetop $5.; Total $180.;

The report of the Executive Committee was read by its chairman and remarks were made by bro. J. Eller. The report was adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The State Board for several years has very materially aided us in maintaining efficient mission work in our Association but last year owing to some indebtedness upon the Board. and believing the time had come when we could stand alone, hence they made no appropriation. and in consequence of this fact we have had no mission work in this field the past year. Many of our young Churches have not had preaching during the past year. Your Committee would state that there is much destitution in the bounds of the Association. and much need of preaching at many points. and we believe that an efficient and energetic Missionary ought to be procured by the Association to work in all the bounds of the Association during the next year, and

we urge upon the Association to raise and pay him enough to a proper support. Dear brother, the Lord will help those, who will help themselves.

Respectfully Submitted. J. Eller Chairman

W. C. Fields, Secretary.

The committee to nominate an Executive Committee offered the names of brethren J. Eller, W. C. Fields, J. C. Jones, E. E. Phillips, J. W. Tucker for the ensuing year. The report was adopted.

The report on Colportage was read by Eld. E. W. Reedy and discussed by Elders Sherwood, Harris, Maiden and Bridges. The report was adopted:

COLPORTAGE.

As there is many young families started up in the bounds of our Association and are probably destitue of the word of God. and many families of grown up children are reading novels and other trashy literature instead of the word of God and Baptist principles, and feeling that there is a great need of religious literature and knowing the paralyzed condition of our Board. be it therefore resolved that we ask our Board to give us one or two Colporters for our Association. and that we look after the destitution of our field and more especially the needs of the Board, that the churches and preachers bring this object to the notice of their people. Submitted

E. W. Reedy. C. M. Graybeal.

The Association adjourned to the stand to hear preaching by Elders D. J. Harris and D. P. Bridges at 11 o'clock, who preached to a large and appreciative audience.

After Noon.

The Association resumed business at 1 o'clock. The report on Digest of Church Letters was presented and the Secretary was authorized to abridge and amend it as thought best.

Digest of Church Letters.

An examination of the church Letters disclose the following facts and figures viz. Sixteen churches report paid Pastor $229.78. Eleven churches report nothing paid to Pastor. Ten churches report $48.14 contributed to State Missions. Three churches report $1 42 contributed to Home Missions. Two churches report $1.58 to Foreign Missions. Six churches report $5 10 to Baptist Orphanage. One church reports contributed to church repairs $10 00

All the churches but one contributed something to Minute fund, making $24.20. Fifteen churches report Baptisms making in all for the year 79 members. Thirteen report members received by Letter making 30 members. Fifteen churches have dismissed by Letter 46 members. Six churches have lost by death 13 members. Fourteen churches report Exclusions 27 members. Male members reported 379. Female members 566. Total membership 1069. Reported last year 1039 . Gain 30 members. The foregoing information shows first that the Pastors are laboring for far too little. Let them do their best work and demand better pay. We regret that so few of our people contribute to State Missions, but note with pleasure that some of the churches have contributed to this work. We hope that the other objects of our work will receive more aid in the future and as a result have more that is encouraging to report from

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our churches, But considering the Pastorless, and weak condition of many of our churches, your committee can see signs of progress and find much to be thankful for, and more to hope, Pray, and work for i n the future.

Submitted. *W* J. Hall, *J*ohn Welch, R. *L*. Shoaf.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by bro. J. C. Jones and was spoken to by Elders Fields, Bridges and Pulliam. The report was adopted:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The time has come that our ministers must be eductated, our pews are being educated. and our pulpits must keep up with them, or in advance. We recommend that our high schools be patronized. and that especially we help the Board of Education at Wake Forest College. We also recommend the Theological Seminary at Louisville,

We also recommend Trap Hill Institute and Moravian Falls Academy as Preparatory Schools, J. C. Jones.

The following report on Finance was submitted by J. H. Doughton and adopted:

FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance make the following report, Received from the delegates of the diferent churches for Minute fund $24.20; for Home Missions $1.94; State Missions $6 75; Orphanage $4.65; Total $37.49

The report on Periodicals was read by bro. J. Eller and spoken to by himself and J. H. Doughton and adopted. thus;

Your committee would respectfully impress upon the minds of the brethren of this Association the importance of having a good Religious paper in their families; to supply this need we would recommend the "*B*iblical Recorder," published at Raleigh N. C., as being an able exponent of Bible doctrine and general information. upon every department of our denominational work. It should be read by all our people. in short your committee regards the Recorder as a necessity to us *a*ll "Charity and *C*hildren" is a worthy Paper for *Y*outh or Children. For Sunday Schools the International lessons published by the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville Tenn. Let the churches see to it that their Pastor read the Recorder. It can be obtained for Ministers for $1, per year. Let the brethern help all the Pastors to it.

J. Eller, M. Shatley J, M. Wagoner, Com.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching for tomorrow at 11 o'clock by Elders J. L Sherwood and J. F. Maiden

The following report on Time. Place and Preacher for next session was offered and adopted:

TIME, PLACE and PREACHER for next Session.

Thursday before the first Sunday in October 1895. Liberty Church. Whitehead P. O. 4 miles South of Sparta N. *C*., the place. Eld. T. M. Duncan Principal. Eld E Blevins Alternate.

L. C. Snider, H. H. Ray, J. M. Wagoner, Com.

On motion the Secretary was made Treasurer of the Association and authorized and instructed to expend the Minute Fund in his hands for printing Minutes, after retaining $5 for services,

The report on Orphanage was read by bro. G. L. Porter and adopted as follows:

ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee will say that there are now about 120 Children at Thomasville N, C. under the care of Bro. J. H. Mills, we regard this Institution as being worthy of our prayers and contributions, and we insist that our Brothren aid liberally in this noble work. We recommend "Charity and Children," a paper worthy of our patronage. Submitted.

G. L. Porter, L. J. Sturgill H. T. Little, Com.

A report on Obituaries was read by bro. Duncan and ordered incorporated in the minutes.

The following resolution was offered by bro. Bridges and adopted:

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to this church and community for the excellent entertainment given us during the setting of this Association.

The Chair announced the following standing committees to prepare reports for next session;

Foreign Missions—W F Barker, G L Porter.
Home Missions—T M Duncan. H H Ray.
State Missions—Allen Jones, L J Sturgill, W J Hall.
Temperance—J H Doughton, E Tucker, W B Cheek.
Baptist Orphanage—I M Carter, J J Garvey, H Clark.
Ministerial Education -E Blevins, J Welch. E E Phillipps.
Colportage—R L Shoaf. J P Goodman, A Denney.
Periodicals—A E Brown. J M Wagoner. W I Harp,

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention were appointed by the Moderator, viz: T. M. Duncan. J. Eller and by request W C Fields

On motion the Association adjourned to time and place before stated. Closing remarks by Eld. Sherwood. The Association united in singing "I Love thy Kingdom Lord."

Prayer by Eld. J. L. Sherwood. Benediction by Eld J F Maiden

W. C. Fields, Moderator.

H. A. Eller, Secretary.

SUNDAY, Sept. 16th. 1894.

At an early hour all the roads leading to the church were crowded with people and by 11 o'clock a vast concourse of people had assembled on the grounds and Elder J. L. Sherwood preached a strong sermon from the XIII chapter and 8th verse of Hebrews: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and to-day and forever." He was followed by Eld. J. F. Maiden, who preached a short discourse from John XIII chapter and 31 verse: "Now is the Son of man glorified." A collection was taken to aid a Missionary on this field, amount in cash $4.88, pledges $11. Total $15.88. Thus passed a very pleasant and harmonious session.

Secretary.

Treasurers Report for 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Received. Minute Fund,	$24.20
Received for Home Missions,	1 94
Received for State Missions.	6.75
Received for Baptist Orphanage,	4.60
Total Amounts Received,	$37.49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mailed to J D Boushall at Raleigh, N C. (for Missions & Orphanage.)	$13 29
Expended in getting out 1,000 Copies of Minutes, Postage. &c,	19 20
Retained for Services. according to instructions,	5.00
Total Amount Expended	$37.49

P. S. There is in my hands at this time, $4.88 in cash. and Individual Pledges to the amount of $11.00. to be used on Associational Missions. Total $15,88,

H. A. ELLER, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NEAREST P. O.	Added.			Dismissed.			Membership		
		Bapt'm.	Letter.	Restor'd	Letter.	Dec's'd.	Excl'd.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Apple Grove	Weasel Ashe Co., N. C	4	4		4		2	34	39	73
Baptist Home	Solitude. " " "			1	3	3	2	7	12	19
Bethel	dlewild. "	12	1		8		4	41	53	94
Bristol,	Jefferson. "	3				3	1	8	21	29
Buffalo	Beaver Creek. "				4	1	2	25	58	83
Brushy Fork	Wheeler "	11	2	1	2			27	38	65
Beaver Creek	Beaver Creek, "	3					1	10	13	23
Clifton	Clifton, "	5	2					11	10	21
Forest Home	Berlin. "	1			4		3	20	16	36
Friendship	Jefferson. "	1			1		1	10	28	38
Healing Spr'gs	Crumpler, "	7	2		2		2	37	43	80
Jefferson	Jefferson. "		2		1	3	1	9	14	23
Landmark	Silas Creek "	2	2		7	2	2	41	55	96
Laurel Springs	Laurel Spr'gs, Aleg. Co , N C							5	3	8
Liberty	Whitehead. " "	2	3			1		10	13	23
Long Branch	Ashley. Ashe "	1						14	8	22
Mission Home	Gap Creek, " "	19	3		1			23	30	53
Mountain view	Thaxton. " "		5		3		2	24	31	55
New Hope	Prathers Cr k. Aleg. Co , N C						3	18	35	53
New River	Wevers Ford. Ashe "		1		1			6	10	16
New Cranb'rry	Furches, " "	1					1	5	12	17
Obids. ('93 rep)	Obids. " "									7
Peak Valley	Sutherland. " "	7	2				1	5	15	20
Pleasant Home	Crumpler. " "		1		3			20	37	57
Pleasant Hill	Hermitage: " "							9	14	23
Sparta	Sparta. Aleg. "				3			4	10	14
Threetop	Creston. Ashe. "							4	8	12

Totals—membership, male 427: female 626; (1060). Dismissals, by letter 47. death 13. exclution 28; (88). Added by baptism 79. letter 30. restoration 2. (111)

OTHER INFORMATION.

CHURCHES.	Time of Meet'g	PASTORS.	Postoffice.	CLERKS.	Postoffice.	Paid Pastors,	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Miss'ns	Orphanage	Repairs, &c	Minute Fund	Attendance	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Superintendants & P. O.
Apple Grove	2	W H Glenn	Thaxton, N. C.	E L Tucker	Weasel, N. C.	$10.00	$ .25	$ .25	$	$1.15	$	$2.00		None Reported,
Baptist Home	3	W H Glenn	" "	L J Sturgill	Solitude "	10.00						60		None R ported,
Bethel	2	E Blevins	Blevins "	J P Goodman	Nettle Knob, "	25.00						1,50	51	W H Colvard, Nettie Knob, N C
Bristol	3	J Riddle	Beaver Cr'k "	J J McLure	Jefferson "							,35	40	J J McLure, Jefferson, N C
Buffalo	1	J Walton	Thaxton "	T A Ray	Treetop "	12.20	2.00					1.00		None Reported.
Brushy Fork	2	L C Wilson	Reece "	M Vanover	Wheeler "	2.00						.90	65	J L Rominger, Wheeler, N C
Beaver Creek	3	T M Duncan	Beaver Cr'k "	J L Goodman	Beaver Cr'k "		10 00			55		1 00		None Reported,
Clifton	1	W H Glenn	Thaxton "	R R Elliott	Clifton "	5.75				.40		,50		None Reported,
Forest Home	2	T M Duncan	Beaver Cr'k "	H A Eller	Berlin "	35.00	17.14	.82	1.06	1 00	10 00	2,00		None Reported.
Friendship	4	E Blevins	Blevins "	R M Burkett	Idol's Mills "	12.75	1.75					.75		None Reported,
Healing Sprigs	3	E Blevins	" "	R C Spence	Crumpler "	26 75	5.00					1,60	60	R C Spence, Crumpler, N C
Jefferson	1	T M Duncan	Beaver Cr'k "	W L Luther	Jefferson "	25.00				1,00		1,00		None Reported,
Landmark	4	E Tucker	Bud "	G L Porter	Bud "	25 00						1,60		None Reported.
Laurel Springs	4	J Shumate	Delphi "	J H Doughton	Laurel Spr's "							.40		None Reported,
Liberty	3	J Shumate	" "	J M Wagoner	Whitehead "							1,00		None Reported,
Long Branch	4	J S Barr	Pinckton "	J Welch	Ashley "	6.25	,75					,25	40	John Welch, Ashley, N. C
Mission Home	1	A Brown	Riverside "	J L Bowen	Gap Creek "	12.50						1,10	40	Arthur Phillips, Gap Creek, N C
Mountain View	2	J F Walton	Thaxton, "	A J Barker	Grayson "	7.85						,75	37	J F Walton, Thaxton, N C
New Hope	1	None		Allan Jones	Prath's Cr'k "							1,25	30	A Moxley, Prathers Creek, N C
New Cranberry		E W Reedy	Sussex, "	J K Ellis	Furches "							,30		None Reported,
New River	1	S Blackburn	Crumpler "	J J Garvey	Weaversford "							,50	30	J J Garvey, Weaversford, N C
Obids		No Report												
Peak Valley	2	L A Wilson	(Not given)	J Robertson	Sutherland "	7.40						,50		None Reported,
Pleasant Home	4	E Tucker	Bud, N. C.	J Blevins	Crumpler "	11,53	1.25					1,00		None Reported,
Pleasant Hill	3	J Walton	Thaxton "	J S Blevins	Weasel "		.25	.35				,55		None Reported,
Sparta	1	J Shumate	Delphi "	W C Fields	Sparta "		10.00					1,00		None Reported,
Threetop	3	W Wilcoxen	Elk x Roads "	T M Jones	Creston "	7.00						,50		None Reported,
						241,98	48,39	1 42	1 06	4.10	10.00	24,10	393	

Constitution of the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

Article I. This body shall be called "The Ashe and Alleghany Association."

II. The object of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our own bounds, and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

III. The members of this body shall be all the ordained ministers of the churches composing this Association, and three delegates from each church, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

IV. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, in such way as the Association may direct. The last two offices may be held by the same brother.

V. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the Association may direct, and make a report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold annual meetings at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

IX. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren, who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of mission work.

X. At each annual session there shall be appointed committees to make reports at the subsequent session, on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals and Temperance.

XI. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII. The Association will not receive nor retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

XIII. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual session.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. When the Moderator calls the Association to order, every member shall at once take his seat.

3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized

4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, except by permission of the body.

5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.

6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house, or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon. 2. Enrollment of delegates. 3. Election of officers. 4. Reception of new churches. 5 Reading Constitution, rules of order, and abstract of principles. 6. Appointment of committees. 7. Report of Executive Committee. 8. Report of Treasurer. 9. Report of committees. 10. Miscellaneous.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testaments—is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and in doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe the resurrection of the dead and a General judgment.

9th. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

Form of Church Letter From Church to the Association

☞Clerks of Churches will please write their letters by this form.

THE .....BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association; Greeting:

We send as Messengers, brethren .....

..... Alternates. .....

—STATISTICS.—

Added.		Lost.		Membership.	
Baptised,	....	Dismissed by Letter,	....	Males,	....
Received by Letter,	....	Excluded,	....	Females,	....
Restored,	....	Died,	....	Total,	....
Total,	....	Total,	....		

CHURCH EXPENSES.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Pastor's Salary,	$....	State Missions,	$....
Incidental Expenses,	....	Home Missions,	....
Poor,	....	Foreign Missions,	....
Minute Fund,	....	Education,	....
Repairs,	....	Colportage,	....
Total,	....	Sunday Schools,	....
		Orphanage,	....
		Total,	....

Other Objects, $.....

Grand Total, $.....

—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—

Statistics.		Contributions, (if Schools contribute.)	$——
No of officers & Teachers,	——		
No. of Scholars,	——		
No. of volumes in Library,	——	Total,	$——
No. of Quarterlies and papers taken,	$——		
School Expenses.	——		

Pastor, ... Post Office, ...

Clerk of Church, ——— Post Office, ———

Supt. of Sunday School, ——— Post office, ———

Time of Preaching, ———

Ordained Ministers. ———

Remarks, ———

Read and approved by Church in conference the . day of.... 189.

.. .. Moderator.

.....Church Clerk.

OBITUARY.

EDMOND MCCONNELL professed faith in the year 1879, and joined the Baptist Church at Buffalo. He lived a consistent member until his death, serving his Church as Deacon three or four years previous to his death, which occurred May 27th, 1894.

His life furnishes evidence that he has entered that rest prepared for the people of God. He left a companion and seven children to mourn their loss.

Submitted.

T. M. DUNCAN,
I. M. CARTER,
F. B. CHEEK,
} Committee.

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MINUTES

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Ninth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Ashe and Alleghany Association

HELD WITH

LIBERTY CHURCH,

ALLEGHANY COUNTY, N. C.,

October the 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1895.

Next session will be held with
BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH,
Ashe County, N. C., on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Oct., A. D., 1896. Eld. E. Blevins to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Moderator, J. H. DOUGHTON, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Secretary, R. L. SHOAF, Linney, Ashe Co., N. C.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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Duncan, T. M.	Beaver Creek,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Blackburn, S.	Crumpler,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Tucker, Elihu,	Bud,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Glen, W. H.	Thaxton,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Carter, I. M.	Bernice,	Ashe County.	N. C.
Cheek, F. B.	Whitehead,	Alleghany, County,	N. C.
Barker, W. F.	Bud.	Ashe County,	N. C.
Stanley, J. F.	Solitude,	Ashe County.	N. C.
Blevins, E.	Blevins,	Ashe County,	N. C
Blevins, John,	Hermitage,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Brown, A. E.	Gap Creek,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Shumate, James.	Sparta,	Alleghany County,	N. C.
Hurley, A.	Bly,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Reedy, E. W.	Crumpler,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Eller, Jacob, Sen.	Silas Creek,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Walton, J. F.	Green Cove,		Va.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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Eller, James,	Berlin,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Jones, J. C.	Prather's Creek,	Alleghany County,	N. C.
Goodman, J. L	Beaver Creek,	Ashe County,	N. C.
Fields, W. C.	Sparta,	Alleghany County.	N, C.
Doughton, J. H.	Laurel Springs,	Alleghany County,	N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

LIBERTY CHURCH. ALLEGHANY CO., N. C., Oct. 3rd, 1895.

The Ashe and Alleghany Association of Baptist, convened with Liberty church, in its ninth Annual Session on Thursday, Oct. 3rd, 1895. The devotional exercises were introduced by singing; Eld. T. M. Duncan read some scriptures; Eld. Jacob Eller Sen., led the congregation in prayer; Eld. T. M. Duncan preached the Annual Sermon from the 3rd chapter and 21v of 1st Cor.

The Body then took a recess till 1 o'clock, P. M. at which time the Association assembled and was lead in Prayer by Eld. C. Blevins; the Moderator and Secretary both being absent, on motion, J. H. Doughton was called to the chair as Moderator and R. L. Shoaf as Secretary; Prof. R. C. Spence assisted the Sec. in reading church letters and a roll of delegates was made by the Secretary, viz:

Apple Grove, E. Tucker. Harvey Clark, Jas. Wagoner.

Baptist Home, not represented.

Bethel, J. P. Goodman.

Bristol, not represented.

Buffalo, S. A. Campbelle.

Clifton, letter, but no delegates.

Forest Home, R. L. Shoaf, I. M. Carter, A. F. Wilcox.

Friendship, G. W. Burket, C. A. Dixon.

Healing Springs, G. Blevins, E Blevins, S. Lunceford.

Jefferson, letter, no delegates.

Land Mark, Eli Barker, without letter.

Liberty, Alleghany Co., J. M. Wagoner, H. C. Cheek, Stephen Hoppers.

Liberty, Ashe Co., Jacob Eller, Sen., F. M. Eller, C. J. Carter

Laurel Springs, J. H. Doughton, Z. T. Bagby, W. F. Doughton.

Long Branch, Gerome Eldrith, Levi Eldrith.

Mission Home, A. E, Brown, A. D. Phillipps.

Mountain View, W. H. Glen, R. Thompson.

New Hope, Allen Jones, J. C. Jones, Solomon Mabe.
New Cranberry, J. W. Phouts.
New River, J. J. Garvey, R. C. Spence.
Obids, not represented.
Peak Valley, John Robertson, C. F. Hall.
Pleasant Home, James Blevins, Owen Blevins, L. Pollard.
Pleasant Hill, John Blevins, Elisha Roup.
Sparta, W. I. Harp.
Three Top, not represented.
Zion Hill, Horton Sheets.

The Association proceeded to ballot for permanent officers; Elds. J. C. Carper and C. Blevins acting at tellers who reported J. H. Doughton, elected Moderator and R. L. Shoaf, Secretary and Treasurer, who accepted. Invitation was extended for new Churches. A letter was presented and read from Liberty Church, of Ashe Co., asking membership in this association, the church was received by application and hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator. The Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles were read; visiting brethren invited to seats. Elds. J. C. Carper, from Blue Ridge Association; C. Blevins, J. R. Jolly, J. W. Burchett, from Elkin Association; O. L. Stringfield from Raleigh Association; and John Norris, a correspondent from Three Fork Association came forward, were recognized and taken seats.

On motion, 4th. clause of Rules of Order was amended by limiting speeches to fifteen minutes without permission of the body.

The chair appointed the following committees: on religious exercises; the delegates of this church with brethren John Rebertson and Allen Jones; on digest of church letters, F. B. Cheek, E. Blevins, I M. Carter; on resolutions, R. L. Shoaf, A. S. Champbell, T. M. Duncan; on Finance, A. E. Brown, W. I. Harp, R. C. Spence; on time, place and preacher, L. C. Snider, R. C. Spence, D. M. Stamper.

Committee on religious exercises report preaching on to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Eld. Jacob Eller, Sen. and E. Tucker, and at 1 o'clock, P.M. by O. L. Stringfield and E. Blevins.

On motion, adjourned 'till 9 o'clock A.M. to-morrow to spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises, then take up business, prayer by Eld. E. Blevins, benediction by T. M. Duncan.

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FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 4th, 1895.

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The Association assembled at 9 o'clock, spent half an hour in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. E. Brown and then called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday read and roll of delegates corrected and adopted. An invitation was extended for new churches when a letter was handed in from Zion Hill Church, of Ashe Co., and read by the Secretary asking for admittance, the letter and the delegate was received and the hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator. The committee appointed at last session to write on Foreign Missions not present, the chair appointed Revs. F. B. Cheek and W. H. Glen to write a report on that important subject for this session. Report on Home Missions read by Eld. T. M. Duncan and discussed by Elds. T. M. Duncan, A. E. Brown, O. L. Stringfield and J. C. Carper, report adopted as follows:

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HOME MISSIONS.

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Your Committee regard this part of our work as being very important to us and while the work is moving on rapidly and that of last year is above any one year (except the centennial)in one hundred years the Baptist have increased nearly four times as fast as the population. It must be borne in mind that the Baptist have gained far less by emigration than almost any of the larger denominations and while these reports are encouraging to us we must remember that the demands are great upon us when we remember three thousand Baptist homeless churches and houses of worship in these Southern States the Indian Territory and the Island of Cuba; in this Island alone there are more than a million and a half of people who have no saving knowledge of the Truth. Your committee recommends that the pastors of our association urge this important claim of our Board upon their churches in charge.

Respectfully submitted

T. M. DUNCAN,
H. H. RAY, } Committee

Eleven o'clock having arrived, Eld. Jacob Eller, Sen. preached an interesting sermon from Matthew 25th chapter and last verse, after which Eld. O. L. Stringfield gave a very able and interesting address in the interest of the Baptist Female University, at Raleigh, N. C. Had an intermission of 45 minutes.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

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The Association resumed business at 2 o'clock.

On motion, the chair appointed a committee to write a report on duties of churches to their Pastors, also Pastors to their churches, to report at this session. Committee: J. C. Jones, W. H. Glen, A F. Wilcox.

Bro. J. S. Holbrook was recognized as a visitor from the Elkin Association, and invited to a seat. The report on State Missions was read by Allen Jones and spoken to by J. C. Carper, J. Phouts, T. M. Duncan, J. W. Burchett, J. H. Doughton, A. E. Brown, R. C. Spence, J. Robertson, I. M. Carter, J. C. Jones; report adopted as shown below:

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REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

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For more than a century the Baptist of N. C., have done a great work and have laid the foundation for our present prosperity, and from time to time we have enlarged our work in the State, until at the present it has grown to a large population. Yet, we find in the bounds of our Association, great destitution and need of much work. Therefore, your committee would suggest that the Ashe and Alleghany Association, secure its own missionary and appropriate its own funds and that the mission work be subject to the executive committee with the understanding that the missionary shall not be Pastor of any church. As a plan for this work we recommend that the Pastor of each church lay this matter before his church and see that each member has a chance to do something in this great work. We also recommend that our executive committee take steps at once to get a Missionary on this field.

Respectfully submitted.

ALLEN JONES,
A. F. WILCOX, } Committee.

On motion, J. C. Jones was appointed to call on the churches and individuals and ascertain what am't could be raised in pledges for the support of one or two missionaries to work in this field (the Ashe and Allegnany Association) the ensuing year and report on

to-morrow morning. Report on Temperance was submitted and read by the Secretary, discussed by Elds. E. Tucker, T. M. Duncan, A. E. Brown and J. W. Burchett; the report was adopted as given below.

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REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

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Intemperance is a great evil that should merit the disapproval of all Christian men and women. It is a fatal injury to the body and a curse to the soul. Therefore, brethren let us strictly adhere to the teaching of the Bible, especially the 25th, verse of the 9th chapter of 1st. Cor.

J. H. DOUGHTON, }
ELIHU TUCKER, } Committee.

Committee on religious exercises report preaching for to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Elds. W. H. Glen and E. Blevins and at 1 o'clock by J. R. Jolly and E. Tucker.

On motion adjournad to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow to spend 30 minutes in devotional exercises, then take up the regular order of business. Prayer by J. C. Carper, Benediction by T. M. Duncan.

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SATURDAY MORNING Oct. 5th, 1895.

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The Association assembled at 9 o'clock, spent half an hour in devotional exercises conducted by Eld. I. M. Carter, then came to order for business. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. The chair appointed T. M. Duncan, Jacob Eller, Sen., Z. T. Bagby as a nominating committee to nominate five brethren for an executive committee. Dr. Fowlkes, of Little River association and Bro. J. G Tucker, from Elkin Associatien, was recognized as visitors and accepted seats in the body. Report on Foreign Missions was read by F. B. Cheek and discussed by F. B. Cheek, J. W. Burchett, and J. C. Carper and adopted as appears below:

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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The Foreign Mission of the Southern Baptist Board located at Richmond, Va., has charge of the work in China, Italy, Mexico, South America, Africa, and Japan; with the object of Evangelizing the millions of living human beings of those nations. The work has been in progress in China for 50 years.

Of the 115 missionaries in the various fields, North Carolina has only some 18. Now brethren, the supporting of these 18, or 20, would be our part: what then should be both, the part, and duty of our Association? "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the World and them that dwell therein:" and "ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." Now brother "Search the Scriptures," and pray earnestly for the salvation of those heatheru people and then if you do not feel (at the end of 12 months) that you ean "cheerfully" give me 10 cents tell me so; and I will tell you that I douht you have the love of God in your heart.

Brethren the Church is commanded to "fill up the measure left hehind in his body." Will you help fill the measure. and will you help keep it full? That the curse may he far from us, and from our Association—and that the blessing may he nigh.

F. B. CHEEK,
W. H. GLENN, } Committee.

A collection was take for Foreign Missions amounting to $3,25. Rev. E. Blevins read a report on Ministerial Education. After some very appropriate remarks from Rev. J. W. Burchett, report was adopted as given below:

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REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

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We your Committee on Ministerial Education think that the time has come that some step should he taken to educate at least our Youhg Ministers as our people are being educated there is a great need of our ministers beiug educated also we recommend Traphill Institute as a Preparatory School for College also the Wake Forost College and the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We would advise all the young ministers of this Association to go to school and prepare themselves for the great work that the Master has called them to do and we think that it is our duty to help those who are not able to educate themselves.

E. BLEVINS,
J. WELCH, } Committee.

I. M. Carter read a report on Baptist Orphanage; discussed by I. M. Carter, T. M. Duncan, J. C. Carper, R. L. Shoaf, J. H. Doughton and J. W. Burchett; report was adopted as follows:

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REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

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We your committee on the Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C. suhmit the following report: From the hest information we have there is 133 children now in the Orphanage under the control of J. B. Boon: this institution helongs to the Baptist of the State and is worthy of our prayers and contributions. Let us as Baptist do more for this great work. We recommend Charity and Children a paper published at the Orphanage worthy of our patronage. Respectfully suhmitted

I. M. CARTER.
J. J. GARVEY,
H. CLARK, } Committee.

Report on Colportage read by R. L. Shoaf and adopted by the body.

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REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

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As the population of our Ashe and Alleghany counties are rapidly increasing and new families are starting up, many of whom are destitute of the Word of God, and are reading novels and trashy literature, that is calculated to poison the minds of our young people, and even some of our older people against the Word of God, and Missionary Baptist principals. Realizing therefore, the destitutions along this line, and the great need of Colportage work in the bounds of this, the Ashe and Alleghany Association, we your committee, would recommend that this body, ask our Board to give us at least one colporteur to supply destitutions of this field with the Word of God, and religious literature.

Respectfully submitted.

R. L. SHOAF,
J. P. GOODMAN, } Committee,

J. M. Wagoner submitted a report on Periodicals; discussed by E. L. Wagoner and A. E. Brown in the interest of the North Carolina Baptist; J. W. Burchett and E. Tucker, the Biblical Recorder: and J. C. Carper, the Blue Ridge Baptist: report adopted.

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REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

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The circulating of good books and papers is a great and good work. Throughout the land there are men and companies of men, circulating vile and useless literature; these men care only for the money they can make without regard to the influences that may follow. The influences of these wicked publications can best be met by spreading abroad religious books and papers. Every denomination or party has its paper as a means of communication. We recommend the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, Kind Words, Charity and Children, as pure in doctrine, sound in faith, and well worthy a home in every Baptist family. Our people read too little. The most useful men are usually the best informed men. Pastors owe it to their churches to see that each member is supplied with the best of reading matter. Parents owe it to their children to make their homes attractive and pleasant by furnishing them pure and wholesome reading. We therefore commend the reading of every book or paper that tends to elevate and make life more useful and pleasant.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. WAGONER,
W. I. HARP, } Committee.
A. E. BROWN,

At 11 o'clock, A. M. Eld. W. H. Glen preached at the stand to a large and attentive congregation; took a recess 'till 1 o'clock and fifteen minutes. At 1 and fifteen minutes the Association assembled; report on digest of churches submitted by the committee and adopted.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

An examination of the church letters disclose the following facts and figures, viz:

16 Churches report paid Pastors,.....$264.06
8 Churches report nothing paid Pastors,.....
2 Churches report paid to State Missions.....3.00
2 Churches report paid to Home Missions,. 3.14
5 Churches report paid to Foreign Missions.....6.88
6 Churches report paid to Orphanage,.....7,22
8 Churches report contributed to Church Repairs,.103.04
23 Churches report Minute Fund,.....23.42
17 Churches report Baptisms, making in all for the year.....92
11 Churches report Members Received by Letter, making,.....39
7 Churches have Dismissed by Letter,.....19
4 Churches report, Deaths,..... 5
10 Churches report, Exclusion,.....23
Male members reported,.....384
Females,.....532
Total Membership.....1008
Sparta church gave to Wake Forest College, as endowment fund,.....$50.00
Laurel Springs endowment, to Wake Forest,.....15.00
2 Churches report for Sunday Schools,.....6.57

Several churches failed to represent, therefore it is impossible for your committee to give the net gain. Your committee recommend that the Pastors endeaver to get all the churches to represent in our next Session.

Respectfully submitted.

I. M. CARTER,
E. BLEVINS, } Committee.
F. B. CHEEK,

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to write the churches that failed to represent, and ascertain their condition and intentions and add to the above report such information as he may be able to gather.

Committee on duties of Churches to their Pastors, also duties of Pastors to their Churches: spoken to by J. C. Carper, and adopted.

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DUTIES OF CHURCHES TO THEIR PASTORS, AND OF PASTORS TO THEIR CHURCHES.

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Brethren, beloved, let us reason together about this matter. Think of what that means for you individually, and what it means for the cause of our Master, whom you wish to serve. Think of what it means for your own future. We do not say but what you all could be efficient ministers. We as your committee do not think the churches are growing as they should. We think the members of churches could do more than they are doing; and then their pastors would be enabled to be with, and teach, and instruct them at their churches, and around their fire-sides more and better than they do. Now brethren there is no sacrifice in giving that which we can spare, the sacrafice is in giving the the things we think we cannot spare. Think of the good we might do in a few years if all would help in this great work. Think of the great Bunyan and others who have long since passed away and are still preaching to us to-day. You don't know what great things you might do for the Master in this great work.

J. C. JONES,
W. H. GLEN,
A. F. WILCOX,
} Committee.

Committee on Finance report as follows:

We your Committee on finance make the following report:

Received from the different churches through their delegates; For Minute Fund. $22,87; For Home Missions, $1.00; For State Missions, $2-64; For Foreign Missions, $5.32; Orphanage, $6.23; Total $38.06.

W. I. HARP,
A. E. BROWN,
R. C. SPENCE.
} Committee.

Bro. J. C. Jones as one of the executive committee made a report as follows:

We the executive committee did not secure any Missionary in the field last year. We think we can get ONE for THE ENSUING YEAR,

Respectfully,

J. C. JONES.

On motion, volunteers were called for to go as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, when E. L. Wagoner, Z. T. Bagby, R. L, Shoaf, A. E. Brown, and T. M. Duncan agreed try to go.

Committee on time, place and preacher, report as follows:

For the next Association, Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1896. Brushy Fork Church, Wheeler, P. O., Ashe Co., N. C., the place; Eld. E. Blevins, principal, Eld Jacob Eller, Sen., alternate.

L. C. SNIDER,
D. M. STAMPER, } Committee.
R. C. SPENCE,

The committe on Resolutions report the following:

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RESOLUTIONS.

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RESOLVED: 1st. That this Association consider the propriety of building a School of Higher Education somewhere in the bounds of this Association and we ask that a committee be appointed to look after this matter at once.

RESOLVED: 2nd. That we do now tender our heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and community for their hospitable kindness toward us during this session and that we pray the blessings continually to rest upon them all.

T. M DUNCAN,
S. A CAMPBELL, } Committee.
R. L. SHOAF,

9th. Committee on religious exercises report preaching to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Elds. J. C. Carper, J. W. Burchett and C. Blevins.

The chair appointed the following standing committee to prepare reports for next session:

Foreign Missions: T. M. Duncan, J. C. Jones.
Home Missions; E. Blevins, R. C. Spence.
State Missions: Allen Jones, L. J. Sturgill, F. B. Cheek.
Temperance: A. E. Brown, E. Tucker, W. I. Harp.
Orphanage; R. L. Shoaf, Jacob Eller, Sen., N. H. Jones.
Ministerial Education; W. C. Fields, E. L. Wagoner. J. P. Goodman
Colportage; R. L. Shoaf, Z. T. Bagby, John Robertson.
Periodicals; J. J. Garvey, J. M. Wagoner, F. B. Cheek.
Relations of Pastors to their churches and churches to their pastors: E. Tucker, G. L. Porter, W. B. Cheek.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized and instructed to have the usual number of minutes printed with the minute funds in his hands, after retaining $5.00 for his services. On motion, adjourned to time and place before stated. The Association united in singing "O think of the Home over there" and gave to each the parting hand with much feeling. Prayer by Eld J. W. Burchett, benedic- by Eld, J. C. Carper.

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SUNDAY, Oct. 6th, 1895.

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At 11 o'clock, an almost innumerable multitude of people assembled on the grounds and Eld. J. C. Carper preached to them, followed by Elds. J. W. Burchett, and C. Blevins with a short but very appropriate and feeling discourse: thus passed a very enjoyable and harmonious session of the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

J. H. DOUGHTON, MODERATOR.
R. L. SHOAF, SECRETARY.

For the support of a Missionary the ensuing year.

Bro. J. C. Jones, reports the following:

Report as pledged by the different churches and individuals:

Apple Grove church	$2.50	New River	2,00
New River "	5.00	Mountain View	5.00
Liberty " of Ashe Co.	5.00	D. M. Stamper, Whitehead	1.00
C. J. Carter, Eugene, N. C.	1.00	J. T. Fender "	1.00
Buffalo	5.00	J. H. Wagoner, Elk Creek	1.00
Peak Valley	5.00	M.E. Joines, Prather's Creek	2.50
Healing Springs	5.00	Forest Home	15.00
J. L. Joines, Whitehead	2·50	A. D. Phillips	1.00
Pleasant Home	2.50	W. F. Burchett, Sparta	1.00
John Cheek	5.00	S. Lunsford	5.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00	E. L. Wagoner, Traphill	5.00
Monroe Wagoner, Whitehead	1.00	A. S. Carson, Sparta	1.00
Laurel Springs	25.00	T. J. Carson Whitehead	2.00
New Hope	30.00	Friendship	5.00
L. C. Snider, Wheeler N. C.	1.00	James Thompson, Sparta	1.00
Sparta	25.00	Isom Wagoner, Whitehead,	1.00
Beaver Creek	5.00	H. C. Cheek, Whitehead	1.00
Long Branch.	1.00	H.E. McMillian, Prather's C'k.	5.00
Bethel	5.00	William Cheek, Whitehead	2.50
		Total	194,50

The above amount to be paid quarterly the last payment to be made at the Association in 1896, Respectfully

J. C. JONES.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1895.

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Receipts.

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Received.	Minute Fund	$22.87
"	for Foreign Missions	8.57
"	" Home Missions	1.00
"	" State Missions	2.64
"	" Baptist Orphanage	6.23
	Total amounts received	$41.37

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Disbursements.

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Mailed to J. D. Coushall, Raleigh, N. C. (for Missions and Orphanage)	$18.44
Expense for printing 1000 minutes and postage	19.22
Retained for services as instructed	5.00
Total amount expended	$42.66

P. S. As instructed by the Association I have written to the churches that failed to represent but up to this time have failed to hear from them from some cause, I think I will get funds from them yet to balance amounts at least if no more.

R. L. SHOAF, Treasurer.

	Added			Dis'md		M'b'sh'p		
	Bap'sm	Letter	Rest'rd	Letter	Dec'd	Excl'ed	Male	Female	Total
Apple Grove, Weasel, Ashe Co., N. C...	1	2	1	2		2	..	..	74
Baptist Home, (94 rep.) Solitude, N. C...							7	12	19
Bethel, Idlewild, Ashe, Co.,N. C.....						1	40	53	93
Bristol, (94 rep) Jefferson, Ashe, N. C...							8	21	29
Buffalo, Beaver Creek, Ashe, Co. N. C....	12	5				8	29	63	92
Brushy Fork, Wheeler, Ashe Co., N. C..	12					2	33	43	76
Beaver Creek, Beaver Creek, Ashe, N. C				1			11	10	21
Clifton, Clifton, Ashe Co., N. C.....				1			11	12	23
Forest Home, Berlin, Ashe Co., N. C....	1					4	19	17	36
Friendship, Jefferson, Ashe Co., N. C...	8	1					15	33	48
Healing Springs, Crumpler, Ashe, N.C..	9						44	48	92
Jefferson, Jefferson, Ashe Co., N. C....	4	2		5			15	10	25
Landmark, no letter Silas Creek, (94 rep)							41	55	96
Laurel Springs, Laurel Springs, N. C...	4					1	5	6	11
Liberty of Alleghany, Whitehead N. C..	2						11	14	25
Liberty of Ashe, Silas Creek, N. C.....	7	3	1				13	13	26
Long Branch, Ashley, Ashe Co., N. C .	4	1	2				15	11	26
Mission Home, Gap Creek, Ashe, N. C..				1	2		22	29	51
Mountain View, Thaxton, Ashe Co. N.C.				1	1		24	29	53
New Hope, Prather's C'k. Alleghany, N,C.	3	1	1				16	37	53
New River, Weaver's Ford, Ashe Co. N.C.		5	3				10	14	24
New Cranberry, Furches, Ashe Co.. N.C.							5	12	17
Obids (93 rep) Obids, Ashe Co., N. C..							..	..	7
Peak Valley, Sutherland, Ashe Co , N.C.	1	3	7		1	1	10	18	28
Pleasant Home, Crumpler, Ashe Co. N.C.	7			4	1		19	41	60
Pleasant Hill, Hermitage, Ashe Co., N.C.	4	3	2				13	19	32
Sparta, Sparta, Alleghany Co., N. C....							4	10	14
Three Top, (94 rep) Creston, Ashe N. C.	8	3					4	8	12
Zion Hill, Wagoner, Ashe Co., N. C.....									18

Totals: Membership(1181); Additions: By Baptism, 87; Letter, 29; Restoration, 17; (133). Dismissals: By Letter, 15; Death, 5; Exclusion, 19; (39).

OTHER INFORMATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES	Paid Pastors.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Orphanage.	Repairs &c	Minute Funds.	Time of Meeting. (Sundays.)	Endowment Wake Forest College.
Appple Grove.	T. F. Edmondson	Green Cove, Va.	E L Tucker	Veasel N C	$10 83	$.....	$.. ..	$.....	$2 70	$.....	$2 00	2nd	.....
Baptist Home.	No report.												
Bethel.	E. Blevins	Blevins, N C	J P Goodman	Nettle Knob „	20 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 15	1 50	2nd	.....
Bristol.	No report												
Buffalo.	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek „	T H Ray	Jefferson „	17 00	.....	.....	2 15	.....	14 00	1 60	4th	.....
Brushy Fork.	L. C Wilson	Reece, „	David Martin	Wheeler „	23 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 97	95	2nd	... .
Beaver Creek.	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek. „	J. L Goodman	Beaver Creek „	12 50	....	.....	1 00	.. .. ..	.....	67	3rd	.....
Clifton	N Campbelle	Thaxton, „	R R Elliott	Fig „	.....	1 00	.....	.....	50	.. ....	50	1st	.....
Forest Home.	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, „	H A Eller	Berlin „	36 00	.....	.....	86	.....	8 00	2 50	2nd	.....
Friendship.	E. Blevins	Blevins, „	R M Burkett	Jefferson „	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	4th	... .
Healing Spr'gs.	E. Blevins	„ „	I M Hudler	Crumpler „	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	1 50	3rd	.....
Jefferson.	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek, „	W L Luther	Jefferson „	22 50	.....	.. ....	1 13	1 30	.. ....	1 00	1st	.....
Landmark.	No report												
Laurel Springs.	Not given					2 00	1 00	50	.... ..	.....	50	4th	.....
Liberty, Al'ghy	James Shumate	Sparta „	J M Wagoner	Whitehead „	.....	.. ..	.....	... .	.....	.. ....	1 00	3rd	.....
Liberty, Ashe	I. M. Carter	Not given	F M Eller	Silas Creek „	9 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	2nd	.....
Long Branch.	W. F Barker	Bud „	John Welch	Astley „	6 80	....	.....	....	.....	.....	35	4th	.....
Mission Home.	Asa Brown	Riverside „	A D Phillips	Gap Creek „	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	1 00	1st	.....
Mountain View	John Blevins	Hermitage „	A J Barker	Grayson „	4 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	2nd	.....
New Hope,	James Shumate	Sparta „	Allen Jones	Prathers Creek „	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. .. ..	1 25	2nd	.....
New Cranberry.	Not given		J H Ellis								25		
New River.	Elihu Tucker	Bud	J J Garvey	Weaversford "	6 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	50	1st	.. ....
Obids.	Not reported												
Peak Valley.	L. A. Wilson	Sutherland „	J Robertson	Sutherland "	22 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 95	50	1st	.....
Pleasant Home.	Elihu Tucker	Bud „	James Blevins	Crumpler "	9 75	.....	....	.....	.....	.. ....	70	3rd	.....
Pleasant Hill.	J. F. Walton	Green Cove Va.	D S Blevins	Hermitage "	13 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	3rd	.....
Sparta.	James Shumate	Sparta N C	W C Fields	Sparta "	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	1 00	2nd	$50 00
Three Top.	Not represented							.....					
Zion Hill.	T. M. Duncan	Beaver Creek „	W Luther	Wagoner "	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	90	3rd	... ...

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

Article I. This body shall be called "The Ashe and Alleghany Association."

II. The object of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our own bounds, and in all the world, and in this work the Association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

III. The members of this body shall be all the ordained ministers of the churches composing this Association, and three delegates from each, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment and giving statistic of the membership and work of the churches

IV. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, in such way as the Association may direct. The last two offices may be held by the same brother.

V. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such oters duties as are usually repuired of presiding officers.

VI. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the Association, pay them out as the Association may direct, and make report at each annual session.

VIII. The Association shall hold annual meetings at such times and places as may be agreed upon.

IX. At eac annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this Association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of mission work.

X. At each annual session there shall be appointed committees to make reports at the subsequent session, on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptists Orphanage, Periodicals and temperance.

XI. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

XII. The Association will not receive or retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

XIII. This Constitution many be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual session.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head–the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Bible–the Old and New Testiment–is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.

4th. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by beleivers in their scriptural order.

6th. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptized and are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7th. We believe in final perseverance of the saints in Grace to Glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General judgement.

9th. We believe that the existance of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

RULES OF ORDER.

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1. Every session shall be opened and closed with paryer.

2. When the Moderator calls the Association to order, every member shall at once take his seat.

3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized·

4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body, and not over fifteen minutes at a time.

5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.

6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Introductory sermon. 2. Enrollment of delegates. 3. Election of officers. 4. Reception of new churches. 5. Reading Constitution, rules of order, abstract of principles. 6. Appointment of committees. 7. Report of Executive committee. 8. Report of Treasurer. 9. Report of committees. 10. Miscellaneous.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER FROM CHURCH TO THE ASSOCIATION.

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☞Clerks of the Churches will please write their letters by this form.

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THE.....BAPTIST CHURCH

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association; Greeting:

We send as Messengers, Brethren.....

.....Alternates.....

—STATISTICS.—

Added.		Lost		Membership	
Baptized,	....	Dismissed by Letter	....	Males,	.....
R'c'd by Letter,	....	Excluded,	....	Females,	.....
Restored,	....	Died,	....	Total	....
Total	....	Total	....		

CHURCH EXPENSES.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Pastor's Salary,	$....	State Missions.	$....
Incidental Expenses,	....	Home Missions,	....
Poor,	....	Foreign Missions,	....
Minute Fund,	....	Education,	....
Repairs,	....	Colportage.	....
Total,	....	Sunday School,	....
		Orphanage,	....
		Total,	....
Other Objects,		$.....	
		Grand Total	$....

ASHE AND ALLEGHANY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1896.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Tenth Annual Session

—OF THE—

ASHE AND ALLEGHANY
ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Brushy Fork Church, Ashe Co., N. C., 1st 2nd, 3rd, 1896.

—NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH—

Forest Home Church,

Ashe County, N. C., on ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday before first Sunday in Oct, 1897. A. E. Brown to preach Introductory Sermon. W. H. Glenn, Alternate.

Moderator, J. H. Doughton, Laurelsprings, N. C.
Secretary, H. A. Eller, Berlin, Ashe County, N. C.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Duncan, T. M.	Beaver Creek	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Blackburn, S.	Bud	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Tucker, E.	Bud	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Glen, W. H.	Thaxton	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Carter, I. M.	Bernice	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Cheek, F. B.	Whitehead	Alleghany Co.	N. C.
Barker, W. F	Bud	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Stanley, J. F.	Graybeal	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Blevins, E.	Blevins	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Blevins, John.	Hermitage	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Brown, A. E	Mountain City		Tenn.
Shumate, James	Sparta	Alleghany Co.	N. C.
Hurley, A.	Bly	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Reedy, E. W.	Crumpler	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Eller, Jacob, Sen.	Silas Creek	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Walton, J. F.	Green Cove		Va.
Blevins, C.	Hermitage	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Blevins, S.	Hermitage	Ashe Co.	N. C.
Roberts, C.	Berlin	Ashe Co.	N. C

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(In the order named by Committee.)

J. H. Doughton	Laurelsprings	Alleghany Co.	N. C.
W. C. Fields	Sparta	Alleghany Co.	N. C.
H. A. Eller	Berlin	Ashe Co.	N. C.
G. L. Porter	Bud	Ashe Co	N. C.
L. J. Sturgill	Solitude	Ashe Co.	N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

BRUSHY FORK BAPTIST CHURCH, ASHE, CO., N. C.
Thursday, 11 o'clock, A. M., Oct. 1, 1896.

The Ashe and Alleghany Association, of Baptist, convened with the Brushy Fork Baptist church, in its Tenth Annual Meeting.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. Blevins. Text: II. Cor. 8th chapter and 9th verse.

The association took a recess 'till half-past 10 o'clock when it re-assembled and was led in prayer by Elder E. Tucker. The association was called to order by the Moderator, and letters from a majority of the churches were presented and read by the Secretary and Bro. G. L. Porter, and a roll of delegates was afterwards made as follows:

Apple Grove—Marion Miller, H. C. Tucker, J. Wagoner, Elder E. Tucker.

Baptist Home—L. J. Sturgill, J. M. Tolover, W. E. Parker.

Bethel—J. P. Goodman, A. N. Johnston, J. E. Johnston.

Bristol—Not represented.

Belleview—J. W. Phouts.

Buffalo—H. H. Ray.

Brushy Fork—D. Martin, Wm. Snider, J. Deavenport.

B aver Creek—Elder T. M. Duncan.

Caloway's Chapel—No delegate present.

Clifton—R. R. Elliott, Jesse Roark.

Forest Home—Elder I. M. Carter, R. L. Shoaf, J. T. King, H. A. Eller.

Friendship—C. A. Dickson, R. Burkett, T. K. Luther.

Healing Springs—Elder E. Blevins.

Jefferson—C. M. Graybeal.

Landmark—G. L. Porter, J. M. Neaves.

Laurel Springs—J. H. Doughton, E. D. Lovett.

Liberty (Alleghany)—J. M. Wagoner, Elder F. B. Cheek, W. P. Maxwel.

Liberty (Ashe)—C. J. Carter, G. W. Eller, A. J. Stewart.

Long Branch—Not represented.
Meadow View—H. H. Gaultney, W. H. Handy.
Mission Home—Wm. Howel, Elder A. E. Brown, P. H. Hare.
Mountain View—L. C. Barker, J. H. Glen, Elder W. H. Glen.
New Hope—S. Plummer, E. F. Anderson.
New River—R. C. Spence.
Obids—H. Mash.
Peak Valley—J. M. Harlace, W. H. Tyree.
Pleasant Home—Not represented.
Pleasant Hill—D. S. Blevins.
Sparta—Not represented
Three Top—T. M. Jones, G. Eldreth.
Zion Hill—W. H. Sheats.

The association proceeded to ballot for officers; brethren Carper, Brown and White being tellers, who reported, elected Moderator, J. H. Doughton, and H. A. Eller, Clerk and Treasurer, who accepted and proceeded to their duties. An invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren from sister associations was extended and the following named brethren reported themselves from the Threeforks Association and were welcomed to seats with the body, viz: Sherrill, Younce, Eller, Brown, Roten, Green, Reece, Roten and others whose names we did not get; from Valley Association in W. Va., Elder W. W. White.

The chair announced as committee on religious exercises, delegates of this church together with brethren R. L. Shoaf and J. M. Wagoner; on digest of church letters, E. Blevins, E. Tucker, R. L. Shoaf; on resolutions, T. M. Duncan, T. M. Jones, A. E. Brown; on finance; J. P. Goodman, J. M. Wagoner, R. C. Spence, E. F. Anderson.

Letters from Meadow View and Calloway's Chapel, churches recently organized, were presented and read, and received as members of this body. The following brethren were appointed to answer a query sent up from Pleasant Hill church, viz: T. M. Duncan, F. B. Cheek, E. Tucker. The committee on religious exercises reported preaching for to-morrow at 11 A. M., by Elder W. W. White, and at 2 P. M., by Elder J. C. Carper. On motion the delegates of this church were appointed a

committee to keep order on the grounds, and the citizens of the community requested to aid in the same. By request Brethren Younce and Eller were appointed to aid in preparing report on orphanage; brethren Green and White to aid the committee on ministerial education; on periodicals, brethren C. S. Farthing and Geo. Sherrill were asked to aid in reporting, and Elder Carper was requested to aid committee on relation of pastors to churches. The association adjourned 'till half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder A. Brown, Benediction by Elder W. W. White.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, Oct. 2, 1896.

The association met pursuant to adjournment and spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises conducted by Elder David Green, and came to order for business at 10 o'clock, A M. The minutes of yesterday were read and after being corrected were adopted. The roll of delegates was called and perfected. Bro. W. S. Farthing of the Threeforks association, was recognized and accepted a seat.

The Constitution, Abstracts of Principles and Rules of Order were read. The report on Home Missions was read and spoken to by Elder E. Blevins, who distributed some tracts in the interest of this work. The letter from Jefferson church was handed in and read. The discussion on Home Missions was continued by W. S. Farthing, F. B. Cheek and Geo. Sherrill, at the close of the discussion the association sang the Macedonion Call, and contributed to this work $3.30. The report was adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee desires to say that the Home Mission board is laboring under very great financial embarrassments, so much so that it has a great need of help and would be very grateful to all who may lend a helping hand. The work is growing and the board could find work for many more missionaries. We, therefore recommend that the pastors and churches aid in this great work. The Home Mission field includes twenty-five States, the District of Columbia, the Indian Territory and the Island of Cuba. On this field we have 411 missionaries depending on the board and the board depend-

ing on the churches for their support. Up to May 1, 1896, the board received and expended $59010 (fifty-nine thousand and ten dollars) to these faithful workers in the Master's cause. Brethren let us give our prayers, our money and our talents to aid in this good work.

Submitted.

R. C. SPENCE, } Com.
E. BLEVINS, }

Bro. Carrol of the Threeforks association was recognized and accepted a seat. Preaching at the stand at 11 A. M., by Elder W. W. White, while the association continued business in the house. The report on State Missions was read by Elder F. B. Cheek and discussed by Elders Cheek, Brown, Carper, Duncan, Green, Tucker, Farthing, A. Brown and Glen, which was adopted thus:

STATE MISSIONS.

For more than a century the Baptist of North Carolina have done a good work, and have laid the foundation of our present prosperity, and from time to time, have enlarged the work in the State, until it has grown to great proportions; yet we find, not only in our association, but in other parts of our State, a great demand for increased effort. In this work our 96 missionaries have done a great work during the year 1896: hence we recommend the continuance of this work to our full strengh. We believe that the sentiment in our favor has made a gain of fifty per cent. in the year 1896.

This should stimulate us to renewed effort, remembering that we are indebted to the State Board for the major part of this success. Brethren, have we by consecrated effort done what we could? It behooves us, as the Lord's servants, to be faithful to our Master and employ the means at our command to his glory. Highly esteeming Rev. T. M. Duncan, of Ashe, and Rev. J. C. Carper, of Alleghany, Missionaries in the association.

ALLEN JONES, }
L. J. STURGILL, } Com.
F. B. CHEEK, }

The association took recess for 30 minutes, and resumed business upon its expiration.

A letter from Bellview church (formerly New Cran-

berry) was read. The report on Periodicals was read by J. M. Wagoner, and was spoken to by brethren Sherrill, Wilson, Carper, Farthing, A. E. Brown, A. Brown, Duncan, Cheek, Blevins and White. The report was amended and adopted as follows:

PERIODICALS.

The bee gathers honey from flower to flower, so do men, women and children receive knowledge from everything they know, and that knowledge is indelibly stamped upon the mind producing its good or evil influence.

At no time in our history as a denomination has the necessity for our people to be informed in all the departments of our christian work been so great. We would earnestly urge that each member of our churches read as much good literature as possible. We recommend, 1st, The Biblical Recorder, 2nd, The N. C. Baptist, as worthy the support of all our people, and we insist that our pastors and brethren persevere in the effort of placing the Recorder in the hands of all our people.

J. M. WAGONER,
F. B. CHEEK, } Com.
G. P. SHERRILL,

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. C. Carper at 11 A. M. The chair announced as committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next session, brethren R. L. Shoaf, Charles Dickson, W. P. Maxwel. The report answering the Query from Pleasant Hill church was read by Elder Duncan, and was spoken to by Duncan, Tucker, Shoaf, Blevins, Brown, Green, Farthing and Gaultney, and adopted as appears:

QUERY ANSWERED.

Your committee to prepare an answer the Query from Pleasant Hill church. submit the following: Query, "Can we as Missionary Baptist receive members from Pedo-baptist on their baptism?" Your committee answers in the Negative. Signed,

T. M. DUNCAN,
F. B. CHEEK, } Com.
ELIHU TUCKER,

The subject of building a school of high grade in this association was spoken of by the Moderator, who asked Bro. Shoaf, one of committee, to explain what had been agreed upon, who did so, and was asked to prepare a report recommending the school at Sparta, N. C., under the control of our denomination and under the management of John M. Cheek.

Brethren E. Tucker, Wm. Howel and J. M. Wagoner were named as a committee to nominate an Executive Committee. The report of Executive Committee was in two different sheets, setting forth the work in the two counties, the substance of which is about what appears below:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren of the Ashe and Alleghany Association:—We have the following report of work done and the great need of more to be done to submit:

The services of Elders T. M. Duncan and J. C. Carper were procured and they began work under the appointment of your committee and the State Mission Board as missionaries in the two counties the 1st of Jan., 1896. The former laboring most of his time in Ashe Co., and the latter doing most of his work in Alleghany Co. We believe that they have done efficient work as their reports to us will show, and that you may be able to judge of the same. We inclose their reports to us in the body of this report, viz:

Elder T. M. Duncan reports: Traveled 1000 miles; delivered 183 sermons; religious visits, made 80; professions, 140; organized or aided in the organization of 7 Sunday Schools; 4 houses of worship under construction, and is hopeful of the early organization of 1 or 2 churches on his field. Elder J. C. Caper reports: Traveled about 1000 miles; sermons preached, 184; professions, 30; Sunday Schools, 7; houses building, 1; churches organized, 1; religious visits, 130.

These brethren bring to us from the field the information which others have brought, namely: Much destitution still remains and the great need of keeping the cause of christianity as the Baptist hold it constantly before the people.

Your committee believe that this is true, and the work

should be prosecuted with increased effort on the part of our churches, and we invite the earnest prayers of all our people upon this work, and beg them to contribute liberally of their means for its prosecution. We can do this work if we will, and we can allow it to go undone. Which shall we do? Which is duty? Which has the spirit of the gospel? Let us choose the side of duty and do the work and receive the blessing which never fails to follow. Submitted,

J. ELLER,
J. H. DOUGHTON, } Com.
J. L. GOODMAN,

The committee on Religious Exercises report preaching for to-morrow at 11 A. M., by Elder F. B. Cheek, and at 2 P. M., by Elder Solomon Younce. The association adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder S. Younce. Benediction by Elder I. M. Carter.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 1896.

The association met pursuant to adjournment and spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises conducted by Elder E. Blevins. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder T. M. Duncan and discussed by Duncan, Cheek, Younce, Green, Farthing, Brown, Roten. Contributed to this object, $3.57. The report was adopted as follows:

THE FOREIGN MISSION

Board of the Southern Baptist convention located at Richmond, Va., has charge of mission work in foreign lands. We have missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Brazile, Mexico, India and Japan. The work has been in progress in China fifty-one years. The object of this board is to give the gospel to the millions who are perishing in heathen darkness. There are at present 86 missionaries in the different fields, with 110 native helpers and about 20 from North Carolina, who are looking to us for support. Brethren are we fully awake to our duty in supporting the gospel in heathen lands? When we think of the millions who are perishing for the bread of life. Shall we who are living in a gospel land with so many gospel privileges fold our hands and say we

have done what we could? No, verily God says "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and until that command is fulfilled no wide awake christian will be fully satisfied. Submitted,

T. M. DUNCAN,
E. F. ANDERSON, } Com.

Preaching at the grove by Elder F. B. Cheek.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by R. L. Shoaf, and discussed by brethren Shoaf, Younce and Wilson. The report was adopted as appears below:

ORPHANAGE.

About eleven years ago an Institution was founded at Thomasville, N. C., known as the Baptist Orphanage, under the care and management of Bro. J. H. Mills. This Institution has all the while been growing in the hearts of our people, so that at present we have 300 acres of land with a number of magnificent buildings already completed and occupied by 144 orphan children who are fed, clothed and taught the rudiments of an education and the most useful avocations of life.

It has a printing press operated by these children, and a noble little paper issues weekly from their own little hands, called "Charity and Children." These children are fed, clothed and educated entirely by the gifts of our benevolent brethren, sisters and friends. We should feel truly thankful to God that He so inclined the hearts of Baptist to care for unfortunate children of North Carolina. Your committee begs the churches and all members of this association to contribute liberally of their means to the support of the Orphanage. Any one who contributes one dollar to this institution will get "Charity and Children" free of charge if they ask for it.

Respectfully,

R. L. SHOAF,
S. YOUNCE,
J. F. ELLER, } Com.

On motion the chair appointed brothers R. L. Shoaf, T. M. Duncan and C. M. Graybeal a committee to visit the Orphanage within the next year and report at the next session. The report on Ministerial Education was read by J. P. Goodman, which was spoken to by Elders Blevins, Eller, Green, Brown, Duncan and Carper. The report was adopted:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Ministerial Education, think that the time has come when some steps should be taken to educate at least our young ministers as our people are being educated. There is a great need of our ministers being educated. We also recommend the school at Sparta, N. C., and Traphill Institute as preparatory schools for college; also Wake Forest College and the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Young brethren in the ministry do not fail to get an education or you will regret it. Submitted by

DAVID GREEN,
J. P. GOODMAN, } Com.
W. W. WHITE,

The report on Temperance was read by Elder A. E. Brown, and discussed by him, and White, A. Brown, Roten and Shoaf. Pending the discussion of this report the association took a recess of 45 minutes.

J. M. Grayson was recognized as a visitor from the Holston Association

AFTERNOON.

The association resumed business at the expiration of the time and the subject of temperance was further discussed by Younce, Grayson, Glen and Duncan. The report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Of all the curses that have invaded our land and molested the peace of our denomination, Intemperance has long since proved itself to be the chiefest and merits the highest disapproval of all christian men and women. It has so blighted homes, crippled churches and crushed fond expectations, that we as a denomination should rally to the standard of our Constitution, and use every effort in our power to put down and suppress its invasion upon us, for upon its suppression depends our prosperity as a denomination. Submitted by

E. TUCKER,
A. E. BROWN, } Com.

Preaching at the grove by Elder S. Younce.

The committee on Finance handed in the following report:

We, your committee on Finance, report the following:

Received for State Missions	$2.90
Received for Home Missions	2.55
Received for Foreign Missions	1.05
Received for Orphanage	3.53
Total	$10.03
Minute Fund	$22.80
Total amount received	$32.83

J. M. WAGONER,
R. C. SPENCE,
J. P. GOODMAN,
E. F. ANDERSON,
} Com.

The following Resolutions were submitted by Elder A. E. Brown and others, which were adopted as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That we, the Pastors in this association, impress upon the churches their great duty of contributing to the several boards of our denominational work.

2. That the thanks of this association are due, and are hereby tendered to the people in this entire community for their hospitality during the sitting of this session.

A. E. BROWN,
T. M. DUNCAN,
T. M. JONES,
} Com.

The report on Colportage was read by Bro. E. D. Lovett, which was spoken to by Lovett, Carper and Shoaf, and a contribution was secured for this work, amount $1.25, which goes to the State Board of Colportage. The report was adopted as follows:

COLPORTAGE.

We consider Colportage as a work of very great importance to this association, and therefore, we recommend the pastors and churches to make an earnest effort to carry out this work. It is time that we had done something in this direction. Your committee noted with deep regret that the report from every church in this association was blank to this work. Brethren this ought not to be so. We recommend that this body ask our State Board to give us one or more Colporters to

supply the needs of the people in this field.

Submitted, E. D. LOVETT, R. L. SHOAF, } Com.

The following Resolution was offered by J. C. Carper which carried as follows:

Resolved, That we ask the association to appoint a committee of 3 or 5 to look into the propriety of dividing this association into two bodies, owing to the territory being too large.

We believe it can be divided as to strength making two association sufficiently large.

J. W, PHOUTS,
J. C. CARPER.

The chair appointed as such committee brethren T. M. Duncan, F. B. Cheek, I. M. Carter. J. M. Wagoner and E. Blevins. The following report was read by Bro. R. L. Shoaf, and adopted: We, as your committee to consider the propriety of erecting an Institution of higher Education, would say that we have considered the matter and decided that under existing circumstances, hard times, &c., that we cannot at present do anything towards building, and as the Sparta Institute has fallen into the hands of the Baptist, principally, and a good school is under way at that place under the tutorship of John M. Cheek, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and a post graduate of Harvard College. Mass. We recommend that our people patronize this school together with Traphill Institute, as at either place the facilities for an education are first-class.

J. M. WAGONER, R. L. SHOAF, J. W. PHOUTS, } Com.

The following was reported by the nominating committee and confirmed by the association: We, the nominating committee do respectfully submit the following for Executive Committee, J. H. Doughton, W. C. Fields, H. A. Eller, G. L. Porter, L. J. Sturgill. Signed,

E. TUCKER.
J. M. WAGONER,

The report on duty of Pastors to Churches and duty of Churches to their Pastors was read and discussed by Carper, Shoaf, Cheek, W. S. Farthing, Duncan, Tucker

and Lovett. The report was adopted:

1. The duty of Pastors is faithful attendance, faithful in doctrine, in Baptist principles, with all the ordinances.

2. The duty of Churches to their Pastors is faithful attendance, in prayer, in defending Bible doctine, in remunerating him for his labors.

G. L. PORTER.
J. C. CARPER. } Com.
ELIHU TUCKER.

The follow ing Resolution offered by F. B. Cheek, was adopted:

Resolved, That this association declare it to be the Scriptural duty of the deacons to teach the churches their duty to their Pastors, and to aid their Pastors in their Pastoral work. Brethren T. M. Duncan, J. M. Wagoner, John Robertson and R. L. Shoaf were appointed delegates to the Baptist State convention.

On motion the delegates from each church were instructed to decide at their first meeting how many missionaries they desire in this association for the incoming year, and name the ministers of their choice for this work together with the amount which they will pay for his or their support, and mail this information to the Chairman of the Executive Committee at once, so that the committee may be prepared to act.

The committee on Time and Place for next session asked further time to make up report, which was granted with the understanding that it will be furnished to the Secretary in time to appear in the minutes.

The following report on Digest of Church Letters was read by R. L. Shoaf and received.

An examination of the Letters from the different churches disclose the following facts and figures, viz:

20 Churches have paid Pastors	$258.65
7 Churches report nothing paid Pastors	
21 Churches report paid to State Missions (6 contributed nothing.)	153.76
4 Churches report paid Home Missions	2.55
4 Churches report paid Foreign Missions	2.81
6 Churches report paid Orphanage	7.21
7 Churches report contributed to church repairs and building and incidental	1584.20

27 Churches report Minute Fund..... 22.80

19 Churches report Baptisms making in all for the year..... 144
10 Churches report members received by letter..... 57

Gain.....201
11 Churches have dismissed by letter..... 28
8 Churches report deaths..... 10
10 Churches report exclusions..... 24

Loss .....62. Net gain.....139.
Male members reported (in 30 churches)..... 549
Females (in 30 churches)..... 721

Total membership..... 1270
4 Churches report for Sunday School..... $13.64
Bristol, Pleasant Home, Long Branch and Sparta churches failed to represent.

The report of last year of the churches not now represented, is used in this report. Submitted.

R. L. SHOAF,
E. BLEVINS, } Com.
E. TUCKER,

The committee on Religious exercises report preaching for to-morrow at 11 A. M., by Elders E. Tucker and T. M Duncan.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to use the Minute Fund in printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings, allowing himself $5.00 for services.

The chair appointed the following named brethren correspondents to sister associations: To Threeforks, brethren E. Tucker, F. B. Cheek, R. L. Shoaf, R C. Spence; to Elkin, F. B. Cheek, J. M. Wagoner, E. Tucker; to New River, J. C. Carper, F. B. Cheek, E. Tucker, G. L. Porter; to Brushy Mountain. E. D. Lovett; to Stony Fork, Wm. Snider; to Holston, E. Tucker, E. D. Lovett.

On motion, the association adjourned to time and place to be named by the committee.

J. H. DOUGHTON, Mod.

The association united in prayer and singing, giving to one another the parting hand.

Thus passed another very harmonious session.

H. A. ELLER. Sec.

SUNDAY.

At an early hour a very large audience assembled on the grounds and at 11 o'clock, Elders E. Tucker and T. M. Duncan preached to the assemblage, when the meeting closed.

CLERK.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd from a public collection for Home Missions	$3.30
Rec'd from a public collection for Foreign Missions	3.57
Rec'd from a public collection for Colportage	1.25

Received from committee on Finance as follows:

For State Missions	$2.90
For Home Missions	2.55
For Foreign Missions	1.05
For Orphanage	3.53
Total	$17.85
For Minute Fund	$22.80
Total amount received from all sources	$40.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mailed to J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C., for the different objects. (P. O. money order)	$17.85
Expended for printing, postage, stationary, &c	17.80
Retained for services as instructed	5.00
Total amount expended	$40.65

H. A. ELLER. Treas.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

(This report did not reach printer in time to appear in proper place.)

Report of committee on Time, Place and Preacher for next session: Time, on ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday at 11 o'clock, A. M., before the first Sunday in October, 1897; Place, Forest Home church, Ashe Co., N. C.; A. E. Brown, Principal, and W. H. Glen, alternate.

R. L. SHOAF, Chm.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	NEAREST P. O.	Ad'd		Dis'md			M'b'sh'p		
		By Baptism.	By L'ter, Ap'lli'n.	Restered.	By Letter	Deceased.	Excluded.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Apple Grove.	Weasel, Ashe Co., N. C.	30	8		5	1				106
Bellview,	Furches. N. C.....	3	2	1	2			7	12	19
Baptist Home,	Solitude, Ashe Co. N. C		4					10	13	23
Bethel,	Idle Wild, Ashe Co., N. C....	6	5		1	1		46	56	102
Bristol,	Jefferson, Ashe Co., N. C....							8	21	29
Buffalo,	Beaver Creek, Ashe Co., N. C	3	2				5	30	62	92
Brushy Fork,	Wheeler, Ashe Co., N. C				1		1	30	44	74
Beaver Cr'k,	B'ver Cr'k, Ashe Co., N C						1	10	10	20
Caloway's Chapel,	Amelia, N. C.....							3	7	10
Clifton,	Clifton, Ashe Co., N. C.....	2						15	10	25
Forest Home,	Berlin, Ashe Co., N. C	2				1	2	19	17	36
Friendship,	Jefferson, N. C.....	5	1			2	2	17	35	52
Heal'g Sp'gs.	Crumpler, Ashe Co., N C	1			7	2	7	35	46	81
Jefferson,	Jefferson, Ashe Co., N. C..	5			1			18	15	33
Landmark,	Bud, Ashe Co., N. C.....	25	2	3	1		6	48	72	120
Laurelsprings,	Laurelsprings, N, C..	2				1		5	8	13
Liberty,	(All'gh'y) Whitehead, N. C...	10	1	1				18	20	38
Liberty,	(Ashe) Silas Creek, N. C....	2						13	15	28
Long Br'ch,	Ashley, N. C. report of '94							15	11	26
Mission Home,	not given				1			22	28	50
Mountain View,	not given.....	8		1	3	1	2	22	34	56
M'd'w View,	(Va.) Vernon, N. C.....	14	6			1		15	11	26
N'w Hope,	P'th'rs Cr'k, A'ghy Co. N. C	5	4					25	37	62
New R'r,	Weaver's F'd, Ashe Co., N. C	11	7		4			18	20	38
Obids,	Obids, Ashe Co., N. C.....							2	6	8
Peak Valley,	Sutherl'd, Ashe Co., N. C	2			2		1	9	17	26
Pl'nt Home,	Crumpler, N C., no rep't							19	41	60
Pl'nt Hill,	Hermitage, Ashe Co., N. C	9	14	4				23	36	59
Sparta,	Sparta, N. C., report of '95							4	10	14
Three Top,	Creston, Ashe Co., N. C...	2	1		2			4	9	13
Zion Hill.	Wagoner, Ashe Co., N. C..							4	8	12

OTHER INFORMATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Paid Pastors.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Orphanage.	Church Buildings, &c.	Minute Funds.	Time of Meetings. (Sundays.)	
Apple Grove	E. Tucker.	Bud, N. C.	S. E. Thompson.	Huse, Ashe Co., N. C.	$29 79	$ 88	$ 80	$	$ 80	17 50	2.00	2	
Bellview.	F. B. Cheek.	Whitehead, "	J. W. Phouts.	Olney, "	2 70	1.25					65	2	2
Baptist House.	J. A. Blevins.	Hermitage, "	L. T. Sturgill.	Solitude, "	10 00	75					50	1	
Bethel.	E. Blevins.	Blevins, Ashe Co "	J. P. Goodman.	Nettle Knob "	25.00	5.00					1.50	2	
Bristol.	Not Represented.												
Buffalo.	Not given		T. T. Ray.	Three Top. "		4 50					60	1	
Brushy Fork.	L. C. Wilson.	Hattie. "	D. Martin.	Wheeler. "	35.00					15 90	60	2	3
Beaver Creek.	T. M. Duncan.	Beaver Creek, "	J. L. Goodman	Beaver Creek, "		1 50	25	25	1.25	1.50	75	2	3
Caloway's Chp'l	Jas. Shumate.	Sparta. "	G. R. Wagoner.	Amelia, "							65		
Clifton.	N. Campbell.	Thaxton. "	R. R. Elliott.	Fig. "	8.15	1 00	1 00				50	1	
Forest Home.	I. M. Carter.	Bernice, "	H. A. Eller,	Berlin, "	20 00	17.00		1.26			2 00	2	
Friendship.	E. Blevins.	Blevins, "	R. M Burkett.	Idol, "	12.25	2 80					60	4	
Healing Springs	E. Blevins,	Blevins, "	I. N. Hudler	Crumpler, "	12 50	2.25					1.1	3	
Jefferson,	T. M. Duncan.	Beaver Creek, "	Clemmie Graybeal.	Jefferson, "	28 00	1 01			2.68	4.16	1.10		
Landmark.	E. Tucker,	Bud, Ashe Co., "	G. L. Porter.	Bud, "	15 00						2.00	4	
Laurel Springs.	F. B. Cheek.	Whitehead, "	W. F. Doughton,	Laurel Springs, "	18.50	18.00	50	50			25	4	
Liberty, Al'ghy	Not given.		J. M. Wagoner.	Whitehead. "	18 00	23 00					1 00	3	2
Liberty, Ashe	S. Blackburn.	Bud, Ashe Co., "	F. M. Eller.	Silas Creek. "	5 70				25	65	60	2	
Long Branch.	Not represented.												
Mission Home.	Wm. Lee.	Summit, "	A. D. Phillips.	Cap Creek, "							70	3	
Mountain View.	W. H. Glen.	Grigsby, "	A. J. Barker.	Grigsby, "	2.50	2.50					60	2	
Meadow View.	F. Barker. J. Walton	Bud, "	H. H. Gaultney.	Vernon "								3	2
New Hope.	J. Shumate.	Sparta, "	Allen Jones.	Prather's Creek, "	8 00	33 85				12 00	80	2	
New River.	E. Tucker,	Bud, "	J. J. Garvey.	Weaver's Ford. "	15.00					8.00	1.00	1	
Obids.	None Reported.		Wm. Hartzog.	Obids, "		10					40		
Peak Valley.	L. A. Wilson.	Sutherland, "	J. Robertson.	Dyson. "	2 05	2.55				25	50	2	
Pleasant Home	No report.												
Pleasant Hill,	J. F. Walton.	Green Cove, Va.	D. S. Blevins.	Hermitage, "	8 31	2 81			60		75	3	
Sparta.	No report.												
Three Top.	Calvin Tucker.	Riverside, N. C.	T. M. Jones,	Trout, "	8.00						25	3	
Zion Hill	E. F. Anderson.	Boyer. "	W. H. Sheets.	Wagoner, "	5 00	1 85					40	4	

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

ART. 1. This body shall be called "The Ashe and Alleghany Association."

2. The object of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our bounds, and in all the world, and in this work the association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

3. The members of this body shall be all the ordained ministers of the churches composing the association, and three delegates from each, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

4. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, in such way as the association may direct. The last two offices may be held by the same brother.

5. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

6. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

7. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the association, pay them out as the association may direct, and make report at each annual session.

8. The association shall hold annual meetings at such times and places as may be agreed upon.

9. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this association and co-operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of mission work.

10. At each annual session there shall be appointed committees to make reports at the subsequent session, on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage, Periodicals and Temperance.

11. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

12. The association will not receive or retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage.

13. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual session.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testament—is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereignty of God.

4. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptized are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe in final perseverance of the saints in Grace to Glory.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General judgement.

9. We believe that the existance of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. When the Moderator calls the association to order, every member shall at once take his seat.

3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has been recognized.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body, and not over fifteen minutes at a time.

5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.

6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon. 2. Enrollment of delegates. 3. Election of officers. 4. Reception of new churches. 5. Reading Constitution, Rules of Order, Abstract of Principles. 6. Appointment of committees. 7. Report of Executive committee. 8. Report of Treasurer. 9. Report of committees. 10. Miscellaneous.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER FROM CHURCH TO THE ASSOCIATION.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES WILL PLEASE WRITE THEIR LETTERS BY THIS FORM.

THE .....BAPTIST CHURCH,

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association—Greeting:

We send as Messengers, Brethren. .....

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Alternates..... .....

STATISTICS.

Added.	Lost	Membership.
Baptized.....	Dismissed by Letter..	Males.....
Rec'd by Letter	Excluded.....	Females ....
Restored	Died.....	.....
Total..... ..	Total.....	Total.....

CHURCH EXPENSES.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Pastor's Salary.....	$....	State Missions....	$....
Incidental Expenses....	....	Home Missions....	....
Poor.....	....	Foreign Missions..	....
Minute Fund.....	....	Education	....
Repairs	....	Colportage.....	....
		Sunday School....	....
Total.....	.....	Orphanage.....	....
		Total.....	

Others Objects.....$.... Grand Total.....$....

Ashe and Alleghany BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1897.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

11th Annual Session

—OF THE—

ASHE AND ALLEGHANY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

Forest Home Baptist Church,

Berlin, Ashe Co., N. C., Sept. 28, 29, & 30, 1897.

J. H. DOUGHTON, MODERATOR, Laurelsprings, N. C.
H. A. ELLER, SECRETARY & TREASURER, Berlin, N. C.

Next session will be held with the Friendship Baptist church, three miles East of Jefferson, N. C., beginning on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1898, and continuing through Wednesday and Thursday of the same week.

Directory of the Ashe and Alleghany Association, 1898.

OFFICERS.

J. H. DOUGHTON, MODERATOR, Laurelsprings, N C.
H. A. ELLER, SECRETARY & TREASURER, Berlin, N. C.

STATE BOARD.

J. Eller,	Berlin, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

H. A. Eller,	Berlin, N. C.
G. L. Porter,	Bud, N. C.
L. J. Sturgill,	Solitude, N. C.
J. J. Garvey,	Weaver's Ford, N C.
E. E. Phillips,	Idlewild, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Duncan, T. M.,	Beaver Creek, Ashe Co., N. C.
Blackburn, S.,	Bud, Ashe Co., N. C.
Tucker, E.,	Bud, Ashe Co., N. C.
Glenn, W. H.,	Thaxton, Ashe Co., N. C.
Carter, I. M.,	Bernice, Ashe Co., N C.
Cheek, F. B.,	Whitehead, Alleghany Co., N. C.
Barker, W. F.,	Bud, Ashe Co., N. C.
Stanley, J. F.,	Graybeal, Ashe Co., N. C.
Blevins, E.,	Blevins, Ashe Co., N C.
Blevins, John,	Hermitage, Ashe Co., N. C.
Blevins, C.,	Hermitage, Ashe Co., N. C.
Blevins, S.,	Hermitage, Ashe Co., N. C.
Brown, A. E.,	Mountain City, Tenn.
Shumate, J.,	Sparta, N. C.
Shoaf, R. L.,	Linney, Ashe Co., N. C.
Hurley, A.,	Bly, Ashe Co., N. C.
Eller, Jacob,	Helton, Ashe Co., N. C.
Eller, G. W.,	Grimsly, Ashe Co., N. C.
Campbelle, N.,	Thaxton, Ashe Co., N. C.
Johnson, R. K.,	Hooker, N. C.
Lovett, E. F.,	Laurelsprings, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Ashe and Alleghany Baptist Association, N. C., met at Forest Home Baptist church, Berlin, N. C., Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m., Sept. 28, 1897, in its Eleventh Annual Session.

In the absence of the appointees the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. E. F. Tatum, missionary to China, upon our duty to the Foreign mission work.

Prayer by Eld. T. M. Duncan. The association took a recess for 30 minutes.

The association re assembled at 1:30. Prayer by Eld. E. Tucker. The association called to order by Bro. J. H Doughton. Letters from the following churches were presented and read by brethren G. L. Porter and John M. Cheek, and a roll of delegates made as follows:

Apple Grove—S. Tucker, E. L Tucker, E. Tucker, E. Graham.

Baptist Home—L. J. Sturgill, W. E. Parker, R. Lewis.

Belle View—M. Hoppers, P. Parish, J. W. Phouts.

Bethel—E. E. Phillips, J. P. Goodman.

Big Laurel—Wm. McCaudill, N. Stewart, N. Campbelle.

Beaver Creek—J. C. Goodman, T. M. Duncan.

Bristol—L. F. McLure, A. Sheets, W. Hauser.

Buffalo—S. A. Campbelle, H. H. Ray, L. Elliotte.

Brushy Fork—D. Martin, H. Parsons, R. Vanover.

Calloway's Chapel—J. O. Burchett, A. J. Colloway.

Clifton—T. Elliott, J. Roark.

Chestnut Grove—R. K. Johnson.

Forest Home—I. M. Carter, R. L. Shoaf, J. Eller, J. T. King, M. F. Carter.

Friendship—G. W. Burkett, T. K. Luther, R. M. Burkett.

Healing Springs—A. Blevins, J.F. Hudler, G. Phillips.

Jefferson—C. M. Graybeal.

Landmark—R. Jones, J. C. Denny, R. Blackburn, W. F. Barker.

Laurel Springs—E. F. Lovett, J. H. Doughton.

Liberty (Alleghany)—F. W. Cheek, J M. Cheek, J. M. Wagoner, F. B. Cheek, E. L. Wagoner.

Liberty (Ashe)—C. J. Carter, J. A. Pierce, G. W. Eller.

Long Branch—James Welch, W. S. Johnson.

Mission Home—M. Teague.

Mountain View—A. J. Barker, S. Perry, G. Coldiron.

New Hope—N. H. Jones.

New River—J. J Garvey, J. A. Parsons. E. Dancy.

Obids—Not represented.

Peak Valley—G. W. Milam, A. Lewis, J. Robertson.

Pleasant Home—O. Blevins.

Pleasant Hill—L. F. Johnson, V. C. Howell, D. S. Blevins, J. A. Blevins, C. Blevins, S Blevins.

Sparta—E. A Womble, W. C. Fields.

Zion Hill—W. H. Sheets.

The association proceeded to permanent organization by electing officers by private ballot. A number of the visiting brethren being tellers who reported elected moderator, J. H. Doughton, and secretary and treasurer, H. A. Eller; who proceeded to their respective duties.

The following corresponding and visiting brethren reported themselves and took seats, viz: J. F. Settle, J. R. Jolly, from Elkin association; Dr. S. L. Perkins, of Baltimore, M. D., I. F. Eller and J. E. Duncan from Threeforks association; W. F. Waddell, from Grayson and Washington association; Eld E. F. Tatum, of China.

Delegates from Big Laurel, Ashe county, N. C., and Chustnut Grove, Alleghany county, N. C., presented letters asking membership in this association, which were read and, on motion, they were received as members of this body and the delegates received the hand of welcome by the moderator.

The Constitution, Rules of Order, etc., were read.

The chair announced the following committees to report at this session, viz: On religious exercises, delegates of this church with brethren F. W. Cheek and J. Denny; on digest of church letters, E. Tucker, R. L.

Shoaf, R. K. Johnson; on resolutions, T. M. Duncan, N. H. Jones, J. M. Cheek; on finance, E L. Wagoner, J. P. Goodman, C. M. Graybeal; on time.place and preacher for next meeting, J. J. Garvey, A. J Barker, G. W. Burkett.

The committee on religious exercises reported preaching for to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Elder J. R. Joily, to-night, at Ashleys' by Elder E. Tucker

Agreed to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and spend some time in devotional exercises.

Adjourned to time before named.

Prayer by Elder E. F. Lovitt.

Benediction by Eld, Duncan.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29, 1897.

The association met at 9 o'clock. Spent some time in devotional exercises, led by Eld, W. F. Barker.

The association came to order at 9:30 o'clock.

The minutes of yesterday read and the roll of delegates called and corrected.

On motion the regular order was suspended and the report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. J. M. Wagoner and was spoken to by Eld. E F. Tatum, missionary to China The association contributed $3.52 to this object. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Whereas the Lord continues to approve and bless the Foreign Mission work in extending the Redeemer's Kingdom in foreign lands; and inasmuch, as men, cleansed by the blood of Christ, are the agencies by which the Gospel is preached, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes, therefore, we recommend that the pastors of their respective churches in this association become themselves, more enthused, upon this subject, and that they indoctrinate their churches as to duties on this work, as taught in the word of God, that the work may go on until the name of Jesus shall be glorified in all the world.

J. M. WAGONER,
ELIHU TUCKER.

The report on State Missions was read by Elder R. L. Shoaf and adopted without discussion as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

More than one hundred years ago the State Mission work began in N. C., on a small scale, comparatively, but has grown rapidly all

the while until at present there are about one hundred missionaries at work in the State of N. C., and not only are they at work, but they are doing a great work for the Master, and have been ever since the work began. Hundreds of people have been converted annually through their labors. Knowing this to be so we recommend that the work be continued with greater efforts that ever before, as there is yet great destitution in our State. Our people are still dying and many of them without Christ. We have not done what we could, and knowing our duty and doing it not is sin. Hence it behooves us as servants of God to use the means that He has placed in our hands, with greater zeal and energy than ever before for the advancement of the cause of His kingdom, leaving the result with God and look unto Him for success.

I. M. CARTER,
R. L. SHOAF,
E. F. LOVETT,

In the absence of the original committee on education brethren J. M. Cheek and J. Blevins were appointed to prepare a report on this subject and report at this session.

The association took a recess at 11 o'clock to hear a sermon by Elder J. R. Jolly.

AFTERNOON.

The association resumed businss at 1 o'clock.

The committee on religious exercises reported preaching in the Grove at 2 o'clock by Eld. E. Tucker; at night by Eld. F. B. Cheek at "Gap," at Ashley's by John Blevins, and to-morrow at 11 o'clock at this place by Eld. J. F. Eller.

The committee on division of the association submitted two minorty reports for and against the measure and the subject was discussed by E. Tucker, F. B. Cheek, R. L Shoaf, W. C. Fields, J. Eller and the moderator and the matter was postponed till to-morrow morning.

The report of the executive committee was read and pending its adoption Bro. J. W. M. Grayson spoke of the work in his community, and of a house of worship which he is building and intends that it shall be completed by ealry spring and be for the use and be the property of this association, costing about $1000.00.

Eld. T. M. Duncan reported received by him from churches $53.32 for support as missionary in Ashe Co. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association.

Dear brethren:—Your committee has the following report of the state of mission work in our bounds to submit: We found that the choice of a suitable minister for missionary by the churches was attended with much delay and uncertainty, and kept your committee in suspense as to who to apply to until late in November, and then the choice was not of such decision as to releive the committee of all responsibility in choosing a man for the work. Then your committee attempted to secure a man for the entire field, but being late failed and so no work has been done in part of our territory.

Eld T. M. Duncan was secured as missionary for Ashe county and has been laboring as such since the first of January under the appointment of the State Mission Board. That you may judge of his efficiency and faithfulness in the work we make the substance of his report to us a part of this report, viz:

Miles traveled, 1500; sermons delivered, 190; professed conversions, 80; Religious visits, 105; aided in the organization of 10 Sunday schools; houses of worship finished this year, 2; houses of worship building, 3; hopeful of the early organization of 2 churches. He has under the advice of your committee kept six appointments, as regular as time would allow at out stations and weak churches: viz: Zion Hill, Obids, Threetop, Pleasant Home, Otzman's School House and Little Laurel. Besides he has visited all the Ashe churches except three and these he failed to get to for lack of time. He expects to close his work with the meeting of the convention about Nov. 15. He reports that the influence for the Baptists is increasing in the main, yet in some localities we are at a standstill, while at other points the opposition has been the strongest in his experience, but believes that at the latter the tide of influenee is turning to us, and he, together with your committee believes there has not been a time since our organization when faithful and consecrated efforts were more needed in our bounds.

We deem it our duty to inform the association that we are not to be aided by the board next year on the same basis as now or formerly, in consequence of not doing what was believed to be our duty to the general work of State Missions. So it is plain if we continue mission work in our bounds, our churches and individual members will have to bear more of the burden. We therefore, recommend that steps be taken at this meeting to continue the work on our entire field. Pardon your committee for saying that we believe that we are able to do this work ourselves and as the Board shares in this opinion to the extent of throwing us on our own resources, let us take courage, rise up and go forth to do this work for God and humanity, believing that the victory is not to the strong alone, but to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Submitted,

J. H. DOUGHTON,
G. L. PORTER.
W. C. FIELDS,
H. A. ELLER.

Eld. W. F. Barker was requested to aid in preparing

report on Home Missions.

The report on Temperance was read and discussed by Cheek, Fields, Duncan, Johnson and J. F. Eller, and adopted as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

In 1891 the total amount expended by our people for liquor was $1,133,433,206 or $92,000,000 more than in 1890. The amount of revenue raised from the traffic was $267,407,748 which when subtracted from the expenditures leaves a direct burden to those who drink it of $866,025,498. The indirect burden is also enormous. It is the cause of nine-tenths of the crime committed, of extra police force, of criminal courts, prisons, work houses and penitentiaries, a vast amount of pauperism and a loss of productive power.

But the financial is not so bad as the estical side. Intemperance more than duplicates the number of persons in our insane asylums. In view of these potent facts we as a denonination should use our efforts to educate the sons and daughters of our land to a higher standard of respect for themselves and humanity.

F. B. CHEEK,
G. L. PORTER.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Eld. I. M. Carter. Benediction by Eld. R. L. Shoaf.

THIRD DAY—SEPTEMBER 30TH.

The Association assembled at 9 o'clock, a. m., and after prayer, by Eld. Wm. Lee, the Association come to order.

Eld. Wm. Lee, from the Stoney Fork Association, reported as a correspondent.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The report on Orphanage was read and discussed by Carter and Womble, and adopted as follows:

ORPHANAGE.

We have an institution at Thomasville known as the Baptist Orphanage. It was founded about twelve years ago. This institution has grown in the hearts of our people so that at present we have 300 acres of land with a number of magnificent buildings completed and another under course of construction known as the central building. We have 141 orphan children there who are fed, educated clothed and taught the useful avocations of life. It also has a printing press operated by these children, and a good paper issued weekly from their own hands, called "Charity and Children," at one dollar per year, any one who will contribute one dollar to this institution will get the paper free for one year.

T. M. DUNCAN.
J. P. GOODMAN.

The subject of division was a again considered and after being explained by Bro. W. C. Fields, the affirmative report was adopted as follows and a letter of dismission was granted to all the Alleghany churches when merged into another association of same faith and order.

After due deliberation we have decided that it is both prudent and necessary to divide the Ashe and Alleghany Association with the county line. The most important reason for such division being the great area occupied.

F. B. CHEEK,
J. M. WAGONER.

On motion brethren J. Robinson, J. Eller and A. E. Womble were appointed to name a Presbytery, Time and Place to organize the Alleghany churches, with any others, into an Association.

The report on Education was read by J. M. Cheek, and discussed by Cheek, Wagoner and Fields. The report was adopted, thus:

EDUCATION.

The Committee wishes to emphasize the importance of the acquisition of the best education by those who propose to enter the ministry. For the purpose of a preparatory school we heartily recommend to our people Whitehead Academy, Whitehead, Alleghany county, N. C., under the principalship of Prof. E. Leff. Wagoner. To those who seek a college we recommend Wake Forest and to those who desire to pursue a theological course we recommend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. We strongly urge our churches to support by sympathy and patronage our educational institutions.

JOHN A. BLEVINS,
JOHN M. CHEEK.

The report on Colportage was read and after remarks by Lovett and Cheek it was adopted.

COLPORTAGE.

We consider Colportage as a work of very great importance to this Association. Therefore, we recommend pastors and churches to push this work. We recommend the services of Bro. E. F. Lovett last year, who reports as follows: Bibles and other books on religious subjects, sold about 100 copies; religious visits made, 50; sermons delivered, about 25. We recommend that this work be pressed, by one or more energetic men in our bounds. Submitted.

N. H. JONES,
J. J. GARVEY.

The report on Periodicals was read by J. M. Wagoner and spoken to by Eld. Cheek and E. L. Wagoner. The report was adopted, thus:

PERIODIALS.

A reading people are a progressive people, and what is true of the world is also true in Christian progress. Reading is necessary to give knowledge. Knowledge is a perquisite to faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God. As an important aid to Christian progress we recommend the general circulation of the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, and the Foreign Mission Journal. These papers maintain purity and unity of doctrine among the entire brotherhood, and are worthy a place in all our homes.

J. M. WAGONER.

The report on Home Missions was read by W. C. Fields and spoken to by the committee and Johnson. The report was adopted as appears below:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee desires to report and say that the Home Mission Board has been and is doing great work, not only in some foreign countries, but in a majority of the states and territories in this union. Large parts of many of the western States would not today have had Baptist organizations in them but for the Home Mission Board. It has done a great work in our own country and with proper help from all the Baptists in this State, would enable the board to do a greater work. A little gift from each one of our members, little mites that are often spent in folly, if saved and spent in this way and given for this work, would give the Gospel to many an American boy and girl without it.

W. C. FIELDS,
W. F. BARKER.

Brethren R. L. Shoaf, E. L. Tucker and J. P. Goodman were appointed to nominate an Executive Committee.

The following report on Time and Place for next meeting was read and adopted: Time, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1898. Friendship church, three miles East of Jefferson, N. C., the place. Eld. E. Tucker to preach the annual sermon, John Blevins, alternate.

JOHN J. GARVEY,
G. W. BURKETT,
A. J. BARKER.

The querry asked by Calloway's Chapel church was read and answered as follows:

Querry:—Is feet-washing a duty of the church?

Answer:—We do not think it should be a bar in fellowship.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on Finance, which was adopted:

FINANCE.

Your committee report:		
Received for State Missions,		$1.96
Received for Home Missions,		1.90
Received for Foreign Missions,		70
Received for Orghanage,		2.76
Total,		$7.32
Received for Minute Fund.	$23.55	
Grand total,		$30.87

SIGNED { J. P. GOODMAN, C. M. GRAYBEAL, E. LEFF WAGONER.

The Moderator vacated the chair and Eld. I. M. Carter occupied it while the following list of standing committees were made and announced:

On Foreign Missions—T. M. Duncan and A. S. Eller.

On Home Missions—W. F. Barker and G. L. Porter.

On State Missions—R. L. Shoaf, L. J. Sturgill and J. P. Goodman.

On Temperance—E Tucker and N. Campbelle.

On Orphanage—E. E Phillips, M. F. Carter and N. Johnson.

On Ministerial Education—E. L. Tucker and J. J. Garvey.

On Colportage—J. Welch and L. F. Johnson.

On Periodicals—J. Eller and C. J. Carter.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report: Your Committee to name an Executive Committee for this Association, recommend the following names as said Committee: H. A. Eller, G. L. Porter, L. J. Sturgill, J. J. Garvey, E. E. Phillips. The report was adopted.

On motion the Association agreed to return to former usage of allowing the Executive Committee to carry on mission work as it thinks best.

On motion the letters from Threetop church were expunged from the association, and its contents ordered to be left out of the minutes except the minute fund, for which it may receive minutes, for attempting to repre-

sent in this session disorderly; and brethren and L. J. Sturgill, H. H. Ray and R. L. Shoaf were appointed a committee to investigate the validity of the letter from said church and report at next session,

The committee to formulate a call and presbytery for the organization of the Alleghany churches into an association submitted a report which was approved.

On motion J. Eller was elected a member of the Board of Missions, State of N. C., for this association, and $3.01 raised to be used in defraying his traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the board.

On motion the report on Digest of Church Letters was ordered to be left out of the minutes.

On motion the secretary was instructed to expend the minute fund on hand in getting out and distributing the minutes to the churches after retaining $5.00 for his services.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by the committee which was adopted: The committee on resolutions desires on behalf of the association to return to the entire people of this community hearty thanks for their generous hospitality during this meeting.

T. M. DUNCAN,
JOHN M. CHEEK.

On motion the delegates and pastors were requested to lay before their respective churches the work of missions in our bounds for the incoming year and have each and all our churches to report at once to the chairman of the Executive Committee what may be expected from them for the prosecution of the work.

The following named brethren were appointed as correspondents to sister associations: To Threefork association, Elds. T. M. Duncan and R. L. Shoaf; to New River, Elds. Elihu Tucker and W. F. Barker; to Stony Fork, E. E. Phillips and L. R. Mikeal; to Elkin, Elds. I. M. Carter and E. Blevins.

On motion the association adjourned to time and place before named. Prayer by Bro. S. Blevins.

J. H. DOUGHTON, Moderator.
H. A. ELLER, Secretery and Treas.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Committee on Finance as follows, viz:

For State Missions,	$1.96
For Home Missions,	1.90
For Foreign Missions,	.70
For Orphanage.	2.76
For Foreign Missions from a collection,	3.52
Total,	$10.84
For minute fund	23.55
Total amount received,	$34.39

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mailed to J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C., for the different objects, (P. O. money order)	$10.84
Expended for printing, postage, stationery, etc.,	18.55
Retained for services as instructed,	5.00
Total amount expended,	$34.39

There is also in my hands $3.01 contributed to be used by the member of the board of missions in traveling to the meeting of the Board. H. A. ELLER, Treas.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. When the Moderator calls the association to order, every member shall at once take his seat.
3. When a member wishes to speak he shall arise and address the Moderator and not proceed until he has beed recognized.
4. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject except by permission of the body, and not over fifteen minutes at a time.
5. No member shall leave the body during its session without permission of the Moderator.
6. It will be counted disorder for any member to stand up, leave the house or hold private conversation while the Moderator or any member is speaking.

OTHER INFORMATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERKS.	P. O.	Paid Pastors.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Church Build'gs.	Minute Fund.	Time of M'g (Sum)
Apple Grove,	Not Given,		M C Thompson,	Weasel, N. C.	$14 70	$	$	$	$	2 00	2 00	2
Baptist Home,	L.A. Wilson,	Sutherland, N.C.	L J Sturgill,	Solitude, "	12 98	4 64					50	3
Belle View,	F. B. Cheek,	Whitehead, "	J W Phouts.	Olney, "								2
Bethel,	A. E. Brown,	Mt. City, Tenn.	J P Goodman,	Nettle Knob, "	25 00	5 00			26		1 50	2
Big Laurel,	J. R. Brown,	Green Cove, Va.	H Hagaman,	Grigsby, "	7 55						25	4
Beaver Creek.	Not given,		J L Goodman,	Beaver Creek, "	13 50	5 45				2 75	50	
Bristol,	S. Blackburn,	Crumpler, N. C.	J J McLure,	Jefferson, "		57					60	
Brushy Fork,	L. A. Wilson,	Sutherland, "	D Martin,	Wheeler "	20 00	76					45	2
Buffalo,	J. F. Stanley,	Graybeal, "	T H Ray,	Tree Top, "	3 25						60	3
Calloway's Cha'l	J.O Burchett,	Amorita, Va.	L W Anders,	Amorita, Va.		10					50	
Clifton,	J. F. Stanley,	Graybeal, N. C.	R R Elliott,	Clifton, N. C.	4 00						50	
Chestnut Grove,	J. D. Roberts,	Cherry Lane, "	B B Brooks,	Hooker, "							25	2
Forest Home,	I. M. Carter,	Bernice, "	H N Eller,	Berlin, "	27 25	13 58	2 00	2 13	71	1 00	2 35	2
Friendship,	G. W. Eller,	Grimsley, "	R M Burkett,	Idol, "	12 25	3 75					75	4
Healing Springs,	C. M. Mikel,	Bud, "	I N Hudler,	Crumpler, "	13 41				2 55	300	1 15	1
Jefferson,	A. E. Brown,	Mt. City, Tenn.	C Graybeal,	Jefferson, "	25 00				2 68	56	1 00	
Landmark.	E. Tucker,	Bud, N. C.	L M Brinegar,	Bud, "	25 45	5 00					1 50	4
Laurel Springs,	J.M.Shumate	Laurel Spr's, "	W F Doughton,	Laurel Spr's, "	14 00	6 00	1 70	50		5 00	35	
Liberty, (Alle'y.)	J.M.Shumate	Laurel Spr's, "	J M Wagoner,	Whitehead, "	20 00	1 00	10	10	15	7 50	75	3
Liberty, (Ashe.)	G. Henderson	Rugby, Va.	F M Eller,	Silas Creek, "	8 00	2 50			20		60	2
Long Branch,	R. L. Shoaf,	Linney N. C.	J Welch,	Ashley, "	2 00	45		20	20		25	4
Mission Home,	A. E. Brown,	M't. City, Tenn.	Wm Howell,	Gap Creek, "		6 00					75	3
Mountain View,	C. Blevins,	Hermitage, N. C.	A J Barker,	Grigsby, "	9 69	2 50					75	2
Meadow View,	No report,											
New Hope,	Not given,											
New River,	E. Tucker,	Bud, N. C.	J Ballow,	Crumpler, "	28 00						1 00	1
Obids,	No report,										1 00	
Peak Valley,	L. C. Wilson,	Hatty, N. C.	J Robertson,	Sutherland, "	20 38	22					50	1
Pleasant Home,	Not given,		J Blevins,	Bernice, "	7 62						50	4
Pleasant Hill,	C. Blevins,	Hermitage, N. C.	D S Blevins,	Hermitage, "	4 62					10 00	75	3
Sparta,	J. Shumate,	Sparta, N. C.	W C Fields,	Sparta, "	25 00					40 00	1 00	2
Threetop,	Report not	received.									40	1
Zion Hill.	E F Anderson	Mulberry, N. C.	W H Sheats.	Wagoner, N. C.	5 00							

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASHE AND ALLEGHANY ASSOCIATION.

ART. 1. This body shall be called "The Ashe and Alleghany Association."

2. The object of this Association shall be an organized effort to unite the churches in more efficient work for the spread of the gospel in our bounds, and in all the world, and in this work the association will co-operate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

3. The members of this body shall be all the ordained ministers of the churches composing the association, and three delegates from each, who shall bring a letter certifying their appointment and giving statistics of the membership and work of the churches.

4. At each annual session of the body there shall be elected a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer. in such way as the association may direct. The last two offices may be held by the same brother.

5. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees and perform such other duties as are usually required of presiding officers.

6. The clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend printing and distributing to the churches these proceedings.

7. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds sent up to the association, pay them out as the association may direct, and make report at each annnual session.

8. The association shall hold annual meetings at such times and places as may be agreed upon.

9. At each annual meeting there shall be appointed an Executive Commitee of five brethren who shall look after the destitution in the bounds of this association and co operate with the State Mission Board of the Baptist State convention, making to the next session a report of the work done, and of the general state of mission work.

10. At each annual session there shall be appointed committees to make reports at the subsequent session on the following subjects: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Orphanage. Periodicals and Temperance.

11. Each annual session shall be introduced by a sermon by some brother previously appointed.

12. The association will not receive or retain in permanent fellowship any church that retains in its fellowship any member who is disorderly in doctrine or practice, or who makes, sells or in any way deals in ardent spirits as a beverage,

13. This Consiituion may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual session,

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the God head, the Father Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one,

2. We believe that the Bible—the Old and New Testament—is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the impotency of man and the sovereingty of God.

4. We believe that salvation is by Grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, to be practiced only by believers in their scriptural order.

6. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a qualified administrator. And that only those who are thus baptized are in fellowship with the Church in feeling and doctrine should take the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe in final preservance of the Saints in Grace to Glory.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General judgment.

9. We believe that the existence of the righteous and of the wicked will both be of eternal duration, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will both be eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NEAREST P. O.	ADDED. By Baptism	By Letter, Application and Restoration	Dismissed. By Letter	Deceased	Excluded	Membership. Males	Females	Total
Apple Grove,	Weasel, Ashe, N. C.	6		1	1	2	45	70	115
Baptist Home,	Solitude, Ashe, "	11	5	1	1	1	13	25	38
Belle View,	Olney, "		1	2			6	10	16
Bethel,	Nettle Knob, "			4		1	43	54	97
Big Laurel,	Thaxton, "	4	6	1		1	11	11	22
Beaver Creek,	Beaver Creek, "						10	10	20
Bristol,	Jefferson, "		1	2			12	19	31
Brushy Fork,	Wheeler, "			2	2	3	27	40	67
Buffalo,	Tree Top, "			2	1		29	60	89
Calloway's Ch.	Amelia, "		11			1	6	14	20
Clifton,	Clifton, "			3	1		11	10	21
Chestn't Grove,	Hooker, "	2	2				5	7	12
Forest Home,	Berlin, "					2	19	17	36
Friendship,	Idol, "	5		1	2	1	15	35	50
Heal'g Springs,	Crumpler, "				2		35	44	79
Jefferson,	Jefferson, "	2	2	1			16	13	29
Landmark,	Bud, "			6		2	43	63	106
Laurel Springs,	Laurel Springs, "		2				6	8	14
Liberty, (Alle.)	Whitehead, "	2	1				18	23	41
Liberty, (Ashe.)	Silas Creek, "	4	2				16	17	33
Long Branch,	Ashley, "	2	4	1			16	11	27
Mission Home,	Gap Creek, "	6	11	3		1	25	32	57
M't. View,	Grigsby, "	10		10	1	1	25	39	64
Meadow View,	No report (last y's re.)						15	11	26
New Hope,	Prather's Creek, N. C.	1				1	24	36	60
New River,	Weaver's Ford, "	15	5	1			27	30	57
Obids,	Obids, (no report) "						2	6	8
Peak Valley,	Sutherland, "	2	6			1	12	19	31
Pleas'nt Home,	Crumpler, "	1		1	1		15	27	42
Pleasant Hill,	Hermitage, "	5	8			2	29	41	70
Sparta,	Sparta, "	2	8				7	17	24
Three Top,	L't'r not rec'd by Asso.								
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon. 2. Enrollment of delegates. 3. Election of officers. 4. Reception of new churches. 5. Reading Constitution. Rules of Order, Abstract of Principles. 6. Appointment of committees. 7. Report of Executive Committee. 8. Report of Treasurer. 9. Report of committees. 10. Miscellaneous.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER FROM CHURCH TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Clerks of the churches will please write their letters by this form.

THE.....BAPTIST CHURCH.

To the Ashe and Alleghany Association—Greeting:

We send as Messengers, Brethren.....

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Alternates.....

STATISTICS.

ADDED.	LOST.	MEMBERSHIP.
Baptized.....	Dismissed by Letter...	Males.....
Rec'd by Letter...	Excluded	Females.....
Restored	Died.....	.....
Total.....	Total	Total.....

CHURCH EXPENSES.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Pastor's Salary,.....	$....	State Missions	$....
Incidental Expenses.....	.	Home Missions.....	....
Poor.....	....	Foreign Missions.....	....
Minute Fund.....	....	Education.....	....
Repairs	....	Colportage.....	....
		Sunday School.....	....
Total.....	..	Orphanage.....	....
Other Objects.....	....		....
		Total.....	....

Grand Total.....

Pastor.....Pest Office .....

Clerk of Church.....Post Office .....

Time of Preaching.....

Ordained ministers, (Give number and names and post offices)

Remarks.....

Read and approved by the church in conference the.....day of ..... 189 .....Moderator.

.....Church Clerk.